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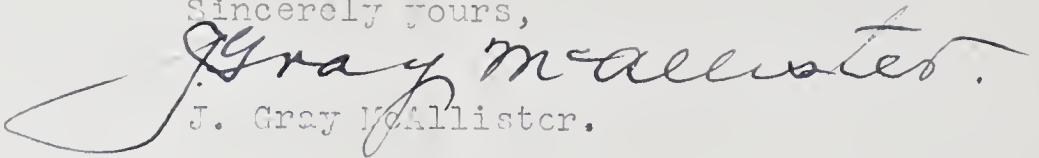
January 29, 1944.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The Union Seminary Review for February, containing your masterly article on "The Consciousness of Christ," is off the press and will be mailed out the first of the week. I am having the printers send you, with our compliments, 20 copies of the issue. Let me again thank you, personally and officially, for this article. It will be read not only with interest but with spiritual profit by our hundreds of subscribers.

Sincerely yours,


J. Gray McAllister.

I am mailing you an advance copy of the February Review.

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3402 Hawthorne Ave.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut.


Dear Dr. Speer:

Our November Union Seminary Review was delayed on the way to the press but it got into the mails the middle of the week. I am planning the other numbers of the volume and there is one article I want so very much to include: your Bible study on "Jesus and His Bible." I can publish it in our February number if it could reach me within a month, or later if this is not convenient. If you happen to be in a city with a stenographer available and could dictate it, we should be more than glad to cover the cost of dictation and transcription. The study would be prized by our readers and we hope it will be possible for you to let us have it for the Review.

We now have four conferences co-operating in their conference programs for next August: Ridgecrest, Montreat, Lake Junaluska and Bon Clarcken. This means a good deal of correspondence but we can gradually work it through.

With kindest regards, believe me to be,

Cordially yours,



J. Gray McAllister.

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December 20, 1945.

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3402 Hawthorne Ave.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

You have no monopoly on the snow. Here we are in the sunny South under four to five inches of it, with the thermometer ranging between 15 and 30. That guarantees us a white Christmas.

I am enclosing a typed copy of "Jesus and His Bible," the re-reading of which has placed me all the more deeply in your debt. Please return at your early convenience and I will place it with our printers, to appear in our February number.

With the heartiest of good wishes for the holidays and beyond, for both Mrs. Speer and yourself, I am,

Cordially yours,

J. Gray McAllister.

J. Gray McAllister.

McCann, J.

6/13/47

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DR. SPEER.

LAKEVILLE CONN.

Dear Doctor Speer.

The attached rather explains itself, I would very much like if possible to have a copy of your Sermon delivered at the Hill School, also copy of the prayer. Anything you can do in this respect will be greatly appreciated,

Very truly yours,

J. McCann.

J. Mc Cann,
504 East 19th, Street,
Chester Penna.

THE HILL SCHOOL
POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
JAMES I. WENDELL, HEAD MASTER

June 10, 1947.

Dear Mr. Mc Cann:

In reply to your letter of June 9, I am writing to say that we do not have a transcript of Dr. Speer's splendid sermon which he delivered at The Hill last Sunday. He may have some notes which he could put in shape for you, and I would suggest that you write directly to Robert E. Speer, Lakeville, Connecticut.

With kindest regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,



Mr. J. L. Mc Cann,
504 East 19th Street,
Chester, Penna.

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First and Calvary Presbyterian Church

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March 12, 1946

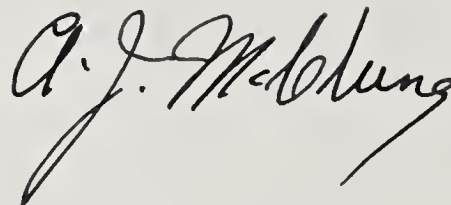
Dear Dr. Speer:

It was a great joy to be with you during the two Seminars which we completed in the Mid-South Synod. I still feel that I received much more from them than I could possibly give, and the reason was the association with you.

I trust that your train delays and the strenuous work were not too much for you and that you have recuperated from your trip.

With sincere regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

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Home Missions Committee

Asheville Presbytery

August 29, 1944.

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Asheville, N. C.

Dr. Robt. E. Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I was in the audience on Sunday evening at Montreat, and I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the message. My mother spoke extremely highly of your morning message, and I wish very much that I could have heard it. In connection with your sermon, you refer to a missionary, George Bowen, who spent forty years in India without a furlough. You quoted from one of his books, and mentioned another one, "The Amens of Jesus."

Permit me to tell you something of a graduate study that I made at Union Theological Seminary on the Verily passages of the Gospel of John. I was led in some pastoral studying and preaching to study these, and to find that a relationship existed between the twenty-five passages beginning, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee." I searched diligently in as many libraries as I could reach, including the Library of Congress in Washington, and I found no commentaries anywhere that made use of the Verily passages as a unit in the gospel.

My search resulted in finding one book, entitled, "Why Four Gospels?" by a man named Gregory, in which he quoted an early Latin theologian by the name of Ernesti. The substance of what Ernesti and Dr. Gregory said was that if any person would take the trouble to write down these twenty-five passages, he would find that they contained the "heart" of the Gospel of John.

I also found, according to my memory and records, that you, in your commentary on the Gospel of John, alluded to the relationship between these passages. So far as I know, my study is the first ever to be published in which these various verses are related one to another, and to the whole gospel. I am sending you under separate cover a copy of Day By Day, in which I used these studies devotionally for one month of this issue.

One other feature of my search was interesting to me in that I could not find in any library a book that dealt with the word Amen, or that studied the Amens of Jesus in any critical or homiletical fashion. Dr. Burrell's book on the Verilies of Jesus came the nearest to anything that I could find.

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All of this leads to just one thing. I became fascinated with the idea that I might secure a copy of Mr. Bowen's book on the Amens of Jesus, and find some help to continue my study of this subject. If I have not been too tedious in this letter, and you could tell me where I could buy a copy of this book, I would greatly appreciate it.

My father counted you as one of his personal friends. You may recall having met him at Montreat and Northfield at various times. He was the late Rev. A. D. McClure, of Wilmington, North Carolina.

Sincerely yours,



R. E. McClure

REM:B



And.

Holiday Greetings

Wt Pleasant
Town

Eugene, Roberta and David McCoid

Dear Cousin Robert - How nice of you to
send me the little book ^{you} you enjoyed -
last year. I've enjoyed and read it. I
want to write some - but we lost our
adored Robbie - age 6 - last March - and
I guess I didn't think of the things I
should have. I can understand your + Mrs.
Spears' headache - some years ago. I saw "Lippo"
they say - to bed. We are fine + our David is
4 yrs. + a great joy. Love to you both + I hope you
are well - Roberta.

(McConaughy) David

65 / } Newbrest, N.C. July 26 48

My very dear Robert:

When you come for the last
Sunday of August, can we
have our personal reunion
in your room at Assembly
Sun, as for two years past?

I have it on my heart espe-
cially to talk & pray with
you as to one of my Prayer-
Circle requests for August. And
as we come nearer to "the
bourne" I care all the more

jealously the rare per-
son penetrating our near-
ly a half century of heart
friendship.

Last evening, while Mrs
Chester & I were having
supper on her porch, your
Caro must have "turned".

Forgive the cataracts
I saw.

Ever & ever lovingly

Yours David.

I am at "Bunwell Cottage"
on N. C. Yancey rd p to some
time in Sept.

Dr.

(McConaughy) David

Wentworth, N.C.
7th Aug '44.

My dear Robert:

Course of 5th inst., just-
at hand sends a gleam thro
an atmosphere of gray and
gloomy frowning clouds; by
the time you arrive, I hope
some of the humidity will
have dissipated or precipi-
tated! Certainly there is no lack
of moisture above & beneath
& all around us & present!

that you & I can drop in ^{before or} after dinner
next hour. Among the special things I wish
to talk about with you were these:—

① Whether Mr. Sturmon is keeping to the
traditions of yesterday;

② The possibility of ~~steering~~ the tide on
which the "Y" is adrift.

③ The reunion of N. + S. Presbyterian
Churches

④ The vacancies in our Town Circle.

⑤ The next stage in Stewardship

Sincerely,
David.

I greatly prize the least
friendships that makes you
you willing to reserve some
time to get by ourselves
& "shut to the door". I will
be happy to dine with you
on Friday (25th) and I will
take the liberty of having some
of the tables for two reserved,
so as to ledge off some of the
people who might - otherwise
wedge in.

Our dear saintly Mrs Saml.
Creech has come back to her
old home on N. C. Israel, near
the Inn so as to make it pos-
sible for me to see her every
day; and I may plan to

McConaughy, David

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Shang,

Montreat,

3rd
Sept 54

My dear Robert:

What a joy
was it all too short
week-end here, in these
hills! Our messages
were the most powerful
I've ever read you give,
and I know they went
"home" with telling effect,
as I earnestly prayed
that they would. I trust,
you had a good return
trip, so fine to us too

back to Norfolk with
the dear Mr. Millens!

Can it be that, it is ac-
tually some ⁹ what forty
years since I invited you,
- then an undergrad at
Princeton, to join me (as
Secretary of the Childs Prog.)
to address our mens so-
cial meeting; and, when
you came, dear mother Grant
gave me right away in the
home at #1929 Walnut St.
and you shared my room
there over that week-end!
We had just one definite aim
in those great days, and that
to get men to take sides to be
their Saviour & Lord. Oh I see

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long to help the Associa-
tion Movement to recover
that almost lost emphasis,
I wonder whether you may
not join the issue square-
ly with John & challenge
him to throw his full force
into bringing this about; do
you think this would be advisable,
or just to keep hands off & let things
drift, as at present. When it
comes to other leadership in
the "tomorrow" of the Association
will it be likely to come back or
further off? There must be not
a few now who would respond
to a clarion call.

Affectionately,

Your devoted friend,
David M. Langley

McConaughy, David

Winter Park

23 Sep, 44

My dear Robert:-

In letting you know how heartily I appreciated your good letter on your return home from the Blue Ridge, I do not want to impose any frequent correspondence upon you with me; for I realize what a tax of this sort you already have imposed upon you from your very wife & even growing circle of friends & acquaintances the world over.

But I wish to let you know that I had a good return trip, ^{starting} on the 14th inst & on arrival here, received

a hearty welcome back to
my quarters in Col. Has-
brouck's Bachelor Quar-
ters. His Dutch Refugee
"son", Tommy Train has
since been pronounced "Phys-
ically incapable" for an of-
ficership in the Holland
Army, & the Col. thinks best
for him to finish his course
with one more year in "Re-
tains" so he comes home "re-
ady soon, and vacate
his room, and have got
one in a nice house had

by taking my meals in
a boarding-house across
the street from my room.

My cousin, Dr. Frank W.C.
of Demmerville, N.J., wants to
come + share my "loch-abon"
with me, and I hope it will be
arranged, altho. he plans to
be absent to N.Y. 30, and the de-
mand for rooms is very ex-
traordinary. The Secy of the
Chamber of Commerce told me the others
are sure to be people looking for
houses, even so much "Estlish".

Mrs. Chester plans to fly to
her son Emerson in Dallas, and
return via Winter Park, for a visit
to me. My mother + Elizabeth
are also hoping to come here for

I must, when I expect to have
my own home & see more
from I wish I could
meet with the Prayer
Circle Dec. 2!

(Affectionately,
hand)

McConaughy, David

1120 Oxford Road,

Winter Park, Nov. 30/44

My dear Robert:

Just a line to greet
you on Thanksgiving Day, in
the morning!

Our dear friend Mrs. Chyten
has come down from the snowy heights
of Black Mountain to get thawed
out and spend some months in my
"Wes. Asia". Here we are bak-
ing in sunshine. In my little
garden of muck soil which I
laid out a couple of months ago,
we will soon have beets, onions,
broccoli, lettuce, sweet po-
tatoes etc. which grow within
a few rods of our back porch,
and find their way to our table
fresh from our Father's pen hand!
Come & See!

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Nov. 8th.
— ~~no~~ And now it is the eve of
the first Lords Day in December
— ~~no~~ I should say the second;
for I've had this purposely, un-
til the deluge of letters might
have subsided. The Prayer Circular
has come to hand today; do you
remember when we first talked
about starting it, now some
forty two years ago?

I will not weary you with
a lengthy letter. Tomorrow morn-
ing, if all's well, I will take Mrs
Chester up to our Central Congl.
Church, first-time in more than
eight-years ago. Chicaine leaves
us to begin a new pastorate, in
North Adams, Mass the first-Lords
Day in January.

With a heart-full of love to you,
Your friend of over sixty years,
David — — McCreaghy

Mrs Chester sends her warm love,
and shares her correspondence

J.

McConaughy, David

York

Winter Park, Jan 10/45.

My dear Robert:

Just right - at

President Hamilton Holt's, Pullman,
reception, Will Ellis & his wife
told me of your expecting to
return to New York. You are
constantly in my thoughts and
prayers, asking that (if the
Father's will) You may be
spared to me for years yet.

10/12 Have just had ~~the~~ ~~service~~
to Reykild - a service of
triumphant Christian faith.
So glad to get such good word
of your operation.

Paris

Marjorie & Elizabeth are
due here for a fortnight's
visit. Mrs Chester asks
me to send you her tender
love. She let me take her
to our Church a week ago
for our last Communion
Service conducted by Dr. Proctor
Chaceine (He has gone to
North Adams, Mass, after
completing a dozen years here.
With changeless love, I am
Robert, & continuing inward with prayer,
Love very truly & over so yours,
David.

(McConaughy) David

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Wentworth Park, 16 Feb 1883.

My dear Robert:

I cheered me to hear,
and such good news - of your
steady recovery that is better
than "rapid", for it means
"sure". Do not - start in
again. I wonder whether
we are to meet again this
year in the P. Ice Ridge? I
shall probably go North in May,
and may make headquarters in
"Assembly Inn", if present pros-
pects are realized.

Mrs Chester delighted in your
letter, added to my messages
duly conveyed! She is an ardent

Yours truly cheerful, saying that
we were all deceived, not know-
ing that she would be the one & only
same person in that Nursing Home
Within the past week I've arranged
for her to go back to "Stark Mt" with
Mrs Huber of Montreal, on the
1st of April, sharing a drawing-
room. So, all's well.

I wish I could join you for
the first day April 7, but
that seems improbable, tho a
little later would have fit in
perfectly.

Hope to attend my 65th class re-
union at Gettysburg the latter part
of the month. Expect Will Schell here soon.

Affectionately
I have rented Loch-Caber thro Jan '46 &
am most comfortably living with an
elderly neighbor-friend, Mrs Alice Reid.

(McConaughy) David

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Montreat Assembly Grounds

HOTEL ALBA

MONTREAT, N. C. July 14 1945

My dear Robert:

From yours of 22nd inst.

I see that you are striking
much the same stride as be-
fore the operations. A car-
cise your soundness, and
"go slow". The audiences
this season are unusually
small, so far as I have ob-
served, and there is not as
strong a spiritual pulse
as ordinarily. But your re-
putation will doubtless serve
as a stimulating tonic.

I hope them to remain so - your dates

Dr. M. Allister goes thro his
routine motions, but the sub-
jects do not seem to draw
- e.g. The Apokalypse for
the "inspirationnal Addresses!"
The last, tonight, on I believe
in the Church may allow
more hope to Dr. Dick.
Who is or what he has done,
I'm not yet discovered.

I understand from WMA -
that your address will cover
the YMAA Centennial. Because
of my repeated visits to his house
& close contacts with him
all his family, I look forward
with special interest to your
address on that subject, especially.

Affectionately, David W. E.

⊗ He presided at my 25th. Y. to India in '79.
at Spurgeon's Tabernacle & his "Delecting" in 1879.



Assembly

Inn

Montreat

N.C.

ALTITUDE, 2500 TO 5600 FEET

Dr. I hope you may have
a bugle blast as to the
taking out the "C" from
Jmca. - last even-
ing "Overman, Relig-
ious Secy of the Jmca
of Charleston S.C. was
introduced to lead in prayer
for the "inspired."
So after the meeting I
introduced myself to him &
asked how many men
had been to Christville

Maud as 'nearing the break', but both she + Sherwood kept brave-

to the Churches thro the Association; he really could not tell, nor did he know how many other Associations had whole-time Kingdom work secretaries, and I found his office included Membership + most of his time is occupied with that part.

Another Association man up here said to me the other day: "I'm afraid that is the greatest obstacle to the spiritual interest of the San Movement, in magnifying the financial & material aspects."

Sherwood has done a fine piece of work in "A Country with Truth" I have seen his work in China, &c.

834 W. 10th St. (W.P.)

Winter Park, Fla. Ch. Sefton's

(McConaughy) David

My dear Robert:

News of ^{Sept 8th} has come and is greatly appreciated. I realize that our friend of the lepers has been indiscreet & made it all the more difficult for you to show your interest in the cause that made the strongest appeal perhaps to the sympathy of our lepers. At any rate, I am glad to have your

the very best to make this tangible backing here for the pitiful & needy ones. Your wish to avoid any official connection with the Mission will of course be safe guarded. I had a good long conference with Dr. Urban yesterday in Orlando.

12th

I am quite ashamed that this got misplaced, & only just now comes to light. I have had my first "Contact" today with a view to ex-

Sanizing Her in Winter Park:
Dracmen, Bishop, Lorraine
Vera & Madame Honde
Secretary, Miss Loran.

Orlando Sentinel.
(a strong group)

Yours Affectionately,

David W. C.

News of dear Maud Eddy
only just now reached me.
How we shall miss her here,
but ever there Willie & she are
having a great, sweet reunion.
I'm so glad I had a visit with
Maud & Sherwood this summer.
D.

(McConaughy) David

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Windsor Park 15 Sept 48
Ed. Monette Esq.

My dear Robert,

Your letter crossed mine
telling you of dear Mamie Eddy's
death, a more truly Christian &
therefore beautiful character I
have never known. You know how
close her life was with mine
& with my dear Willie, our
children, has been for a half
century. You have undoubtedly
received a copy of Sher-
wood's outpouring tribute
and are in possession of
all the particulars.

I see from the Sept.

Those days together are treas-
ured and you are ever on my
heart.

Truly,
David

(2)

Prayer Circular that you
are making another wide-
sway. I beg you, spare
all undue strain, remem-
bering your years!

Since we parted at An-
treat, I have had the unus-
ual experience of "nerves",
the intolerableness of which,
especially thro' the night long
watches, I could not have
imagined, had I not gone thro'
the experience myself.
I have a Dr. now that
understands & I trust is
getting the upper hand & it

HAMILTON HOTEL

JOHN G. JAMES, MANAGER

EUROPEAN PLAN

WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

26/
 My dear Robert: I am making progress with my program for furthering the Laper Mission, and expect to "pull off" a big benefit - (Musical of high order & a speech that will be "different" by our friend.

30/ You see I started this several days ago, but have been so absorbed that I could not finish before. I will take this up somewhat later.

I understand that Mrs. Chester will remain with her daughters Elizabeth (Mrs.) McMullan in Mont-

(17)

Chair thro the coming cold season,
which seems much the best arrange-
ment in her crippled condition

I have apparently got rid of my
nervous trouble, and hope to escape
my further "trials"; one experience
is quite enough.

What do you know of Sherwood's
progress on *God in History*; certainly
it is an ambitious undertaking.

Affectionately yours,

I wrote part of
this where there
was no suitable
paper, and I must
trust to your forgiveness,

W.

Since I started this letter, I have made real headway with a "Dime-fit" for the Loper Mission. We will have a strong Auxiliary for Winton Park with President Hamilton. Holt of Rollins College, Bishop County, Dec. 18. Also General Rens (95) Gov. of age, Dr. George H. ...

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Hon of Appreciation
in Art & Letters
& Enthusiastic Reser-
vate ^{with me} in Oldvale
are at Middletown
Conn Cooperating
with me We have
a fine Musical Pro-
gram and I am
put on as Spoke-
man. So please
pray for me Espe-
cially Affectionately
Loved

(McConaughy) David

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My dear Robert:

Winter Park, October 9th, 1945

The days we had together repeat themselves in memory and rejoice that the Dear Lord made them possible. In retrospect delightfully. The entire trip was a rare privilege; the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly, with its associations and addresses; the opportunity afforded me in the "Foundation", books of reference found there and help afforded me by the erudite Dr Spence, and all the rest of the advantages. Then came my day in Congress, entertained by the Danners, the interview with Walter Judd, proceedings of the "House", and on to Gettysburg, where I shared the dedication of our great ancestor's monument - recording his family history with its 99 years, his brother Samuel's grave reposing silently beside him, also Mary Elizabeth Brown (repeating exactly my own daughter's name. I think I told you of the odd incident when a chipmunk perched upon Mary's headstone with its paws held up until I uttered the Amen, when it scampered away!

My 65th reunion followed, and a remarkable commencement program, participated in by Dr Fry, President of the Lutheran Church, and President Wilson's Son-in-law, Mr Thayer. Indeed the entire program was memorable.

I ought to include the Prayer Circle Quiet Day, over which you presided, as a notable event of the same list.

Then I set out on my wide circuit of some 30 contacts - including our dear Maud Eddy, who was so soon to take her flight, and Sherwood, who joined in memory as my hosts.

Next I went over to Staten Island for a couple days with my brother Sam, whom I tried to help get the same benefit for hearing as Sherwood thought he was getting, tho both are disappointed. Then to Elizabeth's for a week in New Canaan, and (I should have said a fortnight) the same with Maud Jorie, in Hingham. Altogether, including a week in Montclair and shorter relays elsewhere, I made 30 visits, ere I got to Blac, Mountain and secured my quarters for a couple of months in the Hotel Albe, Montreat. It was August 29th when I finally reached my old quarters here in Mrs Reed's lovely home so inspiring with reading and perfect with rest, Affectionately, David.

Please send me to Mrs. Robert
for only of Franchet's
Fonds - the reverse.

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Winter Park, October 27th, 1902

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834 Antomitha Ave, Lark.

Nov. 22/45

Dear Robert,

Had dinner with John

+ Aila Mall yesterday. He is full
of plans for crossing in February,
after a period of five years; she is a
delicate flower but very sweet
and cheery.

I've come thro a most strenuous
testing (see enclosure), and am in
wonderfully fine form, by the
keeping power of my wife + brother

And in Overcoming!


(our David etc.)
(including Emma)

(McConaughy) David
Nov. 22, 1945

MOUNT VERNON

“ON YONDER SWELLING HEIGHT,
WITH IVIED OAKS AND CEDARS CROWNED,
WHERE FREEDOM’S BANNER FLOATS IN LIGHT
AND EVERY WHISPERING SOUND
BREATHES OF THE PAST, ‘TIS CONSECRATED GROUND”

Greetings, OF THE SEASON
AND BEST WISHES FOR
THE NEW YEAR





MOUNT VERNON
THE HOME AND GARDEN OF GENERAL WASHINGTON

(McConaughy) David
Dec. - 1945

SINCERE
GOOD WISHES
FOR
CHRISTMAS
AND
THE
COMING YEAR

to Robert Emmet
~~and Mrs. Samuel [unclear]~~

"Christ is born,
Tell forth His fame,
Christ from heaven!
His love proclaim.
Christ on earth!
Exalt His name
Sing to the Lord, O World,
With exultation,
Break forth in glad thanksgiving
Every nation.
For He hath triumphed gloriously."

760 A.D.

—Cosmas of Jerusalem





McConaughy, David

66 / #834 Antoinette Ave Wembley, N.Y.
January 21/1911

My dear Robert, Your little rock,
trapped in "Snow, the beautiful Snow",
is before me as I write, also your
precious note to Elizabeth, my baby
born in Kodak Kanal on the Palm Hills,
attended by Ken Ludden; your re-
ference to me touches me deeply
and (in no mock humility) I wish it were
better deserved.

Pending promised contribution from
Benjamin Tupper, who sent me his
"blessing" on return from his diplo-
matic tour of the European capi-
tals; also counting on Senator Andrews'
& Governor Caldwell's, I am about to
top the "Hamp Out of Prosy" fund at \$4,000
or more, started with your contribution.

I hadn't now to thank you for
 your invaluable backing of
 Phoebe's admission to Northfield, which
 greatly rejoices me. Last summer when
 she read me her thesis on Neurobiology in
 her American History course at Deer Ca-
 naan High School, I said: "Phoebe, it is so
 mature & fine that I fear they will think
 you have plagiarized", she replied: "Grand-
 pa, I've been at that for two years, until
 it has fairly come out of my ears".
 She well deserves your endorsement!
 She couldn't help being "admirably
 & have transferred my church mem-
 bership from the Central Congl. Church here
 to the "Old First" Presbyterian of Orlando.
 Marshall Jendy gave me a
 unique reception for a
 crowded congregation last Sun-
 day morning, I being the only
 one received, & the entire Session greeting me.

Since Dr. Chessine left Winter Pt
and undertook the important Church
down in Church St, Wilmamstown (3)
(Mass.), I have had a desire to get
back into the Church of my Fathers,
And when our new Mayor (of W.P.)
who is an Elder in the Church, set
and passes by our door going &
coming, each Sunday Am., invited
me to accompany himself & wife,
I decided to make the change,
and am glad at the welcome
accorded me.

I am addressing myself
next to editing a new Bio-
graphical sketch, which will

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involve not a little research
before writing.

Since I last wrote you, my
brother Sam has heard the call
"Come up higher", and has left
us the poorer. He ^{too,} was a
"Y" Secretary (Pittsburg, Ass't
with Robert Orr) Phila W. Branch
(with me), Worcester, Duluth,
for years Elder & S. S. Supt., he
has left 144 members of Presb. Iron
Mt, Mich, & two ^{sons & two} grandsons preparing
for the ministry; ~~also~~ ^{the} two other sons
Joseph (my 1st Co.) & Dwight, in full
of faith active in the Church. on Saturday

Affectionately,

Sam M

McConaughy, David

Mar 24, '46

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Dear Robert: You are often
in my thoughts and I long
to hear from you. (Page 30)

John Mott's return is a
real cause for thanksgiving. He
today he gave me a surprise,
in the shape of a note with
a \$10. check for my Depository
Extermination Conference
ration fund, saying: "I
have put this in your spe-
cial fund. I have heard
from most of the Prayer
Circle. I do not have Fay
Campbell's address until

a day or two, so that ac-
counts for him.

Today I met John R. &
other Orlando friends for dinner
at the "Orange".

I'm thinking of accept-
ing an invitation from
the Earl of Home to visit
"The Heron", near to "Abbots-
ford". Frank Shallock
may go with me. And we
may get a meeting of the
New York Council, tho
I'm not sure of Cushman.
Would you advise me?

and the Old Council with
the World Council of Churches?

Ever Affectionately,

David

McConkey, F. Paul

First Presbyterian Church

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Jan. 18, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

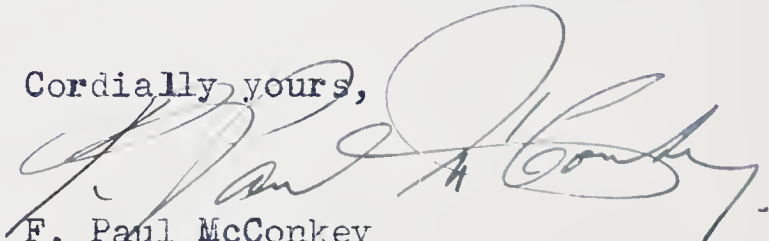
I am wondering if you had heard of the death of Dr. Adelaide Woodard. I know that you were interested in her and her work. I preached the funeral sermon for her in the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Jan. 10. She died on Sunday, Jan. 7, at 12:15 p.m.

Dr. Woodard had been feeling much better than she had been for many months. She had pretty much gotten over the stroke which she had some time ago. Her face had straightened out and she was able to talk as usual. She was going around the city and had intended to teach a class in the School of Missions.

On Thursday, Jan. 4, she was shopping in the Bon Marche when she was taken with a heart attack. When I visited her she was able to talk very little and I felt that the end was near. She passed away on Sunday, Jan. 7, about noon. The funeral was a large one and we all felt very keenly her loss.

We trust that your health is improving and that you will have a splendid new year. With all kindest regards and very best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,



F. Paul McConkey

FPMcC:mw

McCord, Al

2587 GRAND BOULEVARD EAST
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

October 31, 1945

Dear Bob:

I would not dictate a letter which was intended for a reply to your fine letter of sympathy in regard to Walter's passing, but am writing only to let you know that I have received it and that I will write as soon as I return from a trip of a week or more around to our different plants.

I want to say also that I have thought many times during the last few years that I would write to you and maybe ask you to give me your views of life from our present long-range viewpoint. Perhaps I may be able to do this when I write you a real letter in reply to your letter of sympathy.

With kind remembrances, I am

Very sincerely,



Mr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

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ARTHUR B. MCCORMICK

113 REED STREET
OIL CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Sunday morning
June 25, 1944

Dear Doctor Speer:

This morning I read your devotional message "Earthen vessels" and was thrilled and helped thereby, as always by the things that come out of your wonderful mind and your lovely life.

Much as I have read and loved my Whittier I somehow missed "My Triumph." So I have just been reading again a group of his poems. I started it by making me take down the book to read the one you quoted. Then, as ever, I read on and on, especially the poems touching on the end of life. Is there any voice for age to-

compare with his? So wise,
so tolerant, so tender, so true?
He brings me the comfort I
need as I near the end of my
pilgrimage, for though I still
am in the active pastorate
I know I soon must step
aside to make room for a
younger and stouter heart.
Yet I am loath to leave.
If only I could somehow
find a way to go on
working and blessing the
world as you are doing
in your retirement!

With the best of wishes,
I am,
Sincerely yours
Aron Comier

McCracken, Joe
920 Clinton St.
Phila. Pa.
Sept. 3 44

My dear Robert & Ann.

Your note of sympathy
is very much appreciated.

Forty seven years ago, if
I remember correctly, I
first heard you preach.

It was at the Student V.
Movement held in Cleveland.
It was the first religious
meeting I ever attended which

lasted longer than a Sunday
morning service and to my
great surprise I enjoyed
those all morning meetings.

Yes, these would be
extremely lonely days if I
had no faith, no children and
no friends (how sorry I
feel for such ones and I am
afraid there are many) but
with a fairly generous supply
of each of these assets

I have much for which
to be Thankful.

December is never like
it has ever been before
and I am sure, at least,
I am going to try to do
my part, so there may be
a happy meeting again
when I have finished
my work on this side.

Your life long admirer
Joe McCracken

McElroy, Frank H.

frs

Quitman, Georgia
July 15, 1944.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Due to the reported epidemic of infantile paralysis in the vicinity of Montreat and^t the local warning that Georgia will quarantine polio area homecomers and^t the desire of my own congregation that I not go, I am not going to Montreat this summer.

But I am writing to see if I couldn't hear you some other place, and I am sending a copy of this letter to Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Georgia in the hope that from its president may come a suggestion as to what is best to do under the circumstances.

I shall be most grateful if you will furnish me with the dates^{on which}, including the hour, and places at which you will be speaking during August.

Yours very truly,

Frank H. McElroy

McElroy, Frank H.

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203 West Gordon Street,
Quitman, Georgia.
July 29, 1944.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Due to the threat of Polio for my six children, I will not go to Montreat this summer.

And since the other places at which you speak are a greater distance from us and since our transportation system is already under a heavy strain, I guess I will have to stay at home.

But I would like to have the benefit of your messages. Would it be possible for you to employ a stenographer to take them down and send me a copy in full of each one that I may have them for study? Of course, I would bear the expense.

And your messages mean a lot more to me than the things you utter in that they are so thought-provoking. If you can oblige me I shall deeply appreciate your writing me so on the inclosed card.

Yours truly,

Frank H. McElroy
Frank H. McElroy

MacFarland, Charles S.

REV. CHARLES S. MACFARLAND
GENERAL SECRETARY EMERITUS
FEDERAL COUNCIL
OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

Mountain Lakes, N.J.
Dec 16, 1946

Dear Robert Spear:

Your characteristic thoughtfulness once again cheered me. As I am writing the history of the F. C. your name is often on the point of my "pen" (but I can only use a pen now as my arm is fairly laced).
Iced).

Three years of my association with you were among my happiest as you guided me often in various

with best gratitude

Charles S. MacFarland

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D. P. MCGEACHY
300 1/2 WEST TURNER STREET
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

Feb. 4, 1944.

Dear Mr. Spear:—Your article on "The
Consciousness of Christ" in the
Union Seminary Review is tra-
mendous and I thank you for it.
I am teaching a men's Bible class
here in my son's church this
winter and I plan to quote
you constantly. Hoping to
see you at Morehead next summer.
I am
Yours sincerely,

D. P. McGeachy

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D. P. MCGEACHY
300 1/2 WEST TURNER STREET
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

February 12, 1944.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Thank you for your good letter of the 9th. I do not deserve it, in the least.

If you can do so without too much trouble please send me your list of great men from 1530 to 1660. Let me explain.

From April 30 to May 2 Dr. Lingle, Dr. Thomas, and I are to be in a three day meeting in the First Church, Birmingham, speaking on the 1643 Assembly. One section of my first address as planned might be headed "A Time for Greatness". Your thought as to this would be of particular value to me, as you can readily see.

Especially I would like to know your own answer to your question concerning this outburst of greatness of which I think the Assembly was a part. In that connection, was this greatness confined to England or even to Great Britain? My articles on the Assembly suggest something of what I have in mind, and since writing those my first hasty impression has been strengthened. Now I am digging at the idea again, - altho here in Clearwater I am not able to get all the books I want.

For example, mystics like Brother Lawrence and Aldous Huxley's "Grey Eminence" were both of that general period. I wish I could talk to you some day about Gerald Heard's idea that God is trying to express himself in human personality. He had His chance and made His effort but was stopped by the Romish system and the freezing of Protestant theology! I know that sounds absurd, - but let it stand for the present. Please do not trouble too much.

Yours cordially,
D. P. McGeachy

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McGeachy, D. P.
The Bryn Mawr,
420 W. 121st.,
New York, N. Y.
October 10, 1945.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

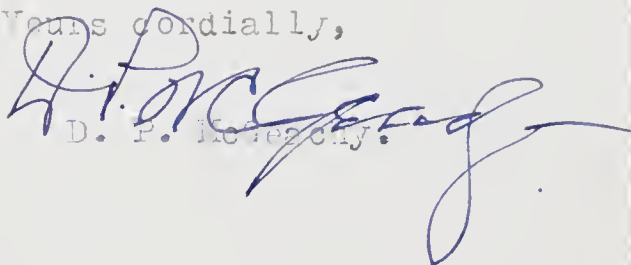
I am here in New York till about October 20 and I am recalling your gracious promise at Montreat this summer to help me get in to see Mr. Hays. As to that interesting possibility I am writing now.

Mrs. McGeachy and I would be delighted to have you take lunch with us at the Prince George where we were till our five day limit was reached, - any day, I think, that you happen to be in New York. Or we would be happy to fall in line with such suggestion as you may think best to make.

This possibility of a Presbyterian moving picture still looms before us and Dr. Grant and I agree that if we go into it at all we must do it well, - but that means advice and guidance from every source.

I am to see Dr. Payne and Dr. Stein in Philadelphia some day soon and I do hope we may make this an all Presbyterian picture. I rejoice to feel that you will do what you can for me and I am subject to your order, I believe.

Yours cordially,


D. P. McGeachy

McGeachy, D. P.

The Bryn Mawr,
420 W. 121st.,
New York 27, N. Y.
October 13, 1945.

Dear Dr. Spcer:-

I do thank you most sincerely for your letter and its enclosed notes of introduction.

It is in my mind to use these in a day or so and I am sure they will all be very helpful.

This possibility of a Presbyterian moving picture grows on one as it is studied more and more fully with the help of people who know. I have in mind not only experts but men like Dr. Bonnell who gave me an interview of an hour earlier in the week.

Please have me in your very definite prayers. President McCain of Agnes Scott and others are joining with me in prayer for guidance, - this is so clearly a thing that will mean all to us if it is well done.

It is too bad that Mrs. McGeachy and I did not know of your passing thru the city but we will hope to see you again. In any case please let me reiterate my thanks for what you have done.

Yours cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. P. McGeachy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

McGregor, Robert G.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTRIAN CHURCH
SHERIDAN BOULEVARD AND SOUTH STREET
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

March 3, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Robert,

I am grateful to you for your letter received sometime ago while I was in the Bryan Memorial hospital. Your classmate, Dean Leland, has been very attentive and helpful during this long stretch of time. How deeply I am indebted to a host of good friends for their undergirding friendship and prayers!

I am glad to report that a week ago I returned home, was landed on the second floor where I have been and will remain for sometime. I can say, however, with confidence, that I am gaining strength every day and sometime hope to be a real fellow again. I am not so sure but that I should be a learner at your feet. You top me by two or three years yet you carry on a program that one much younger would envy. For this multitudes of Christian men and women of all denominations must be very grateful.

Henry Coffin was here, spoke to a luncheon gathering of 300 on February 22nd, and came out to the hospital to see me. I have heard nothing but the best of his message and the enthusiasm he engendered. A letter also from Ned Bulkley - what a splendid correspondent he is - tells me of the Memorial service to the late Wm. Adams Brown.

I am grateful to you for the name of the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Albany, New York - Howard L. Rubendall. This I will hand to the Chairman of the Pulpit Committees should the man the Committee now has in mind not measure up to requirements.

My greetings to Mrs. Speer and ever my best to you, my good friend. As long since and always,

Devotedly yours,

Robert G. McGregor

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McIlwaine, W. A.

Jpk

71 North Wood Street,
Battle Creek, Michigan
July 22, 1945.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
c/o Presbyterian Board of Missions
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer,

This letter should have been written many years ago, for it is an acknowledgment of a debt I have owed you for a very long time. When I was in my early teens my father gave my older brother and myself a copy of your book, "The Marks of a Man," which he had first read and carefully marked. I do not know how often I read it, nor how often many passages in it have been recalled to memory since. But I do know that that book affected my life more than any other except the Bible, and that I can never repay you for presenting to me the lofty ideals and uncompromising standards you hold up there. If so far in my ministry I have under the blessing of God accomplished anything at all, next to my own parents I believe I have you to thank, and I do thank you in the name of our Saviour.

My father is W. B. McIlwaine, long a missionary of the Southern Presbyterian Church, in Koshi, Japan. I have also been a missionary of the same church, coming back on the Gripsholm in the summer of '42, after more than twenty two years of work in Japan. During the last five of those years I was teaching in Chuo Seminary in Kobe. Gordon Chapman, whom I believe you know well, was a very highly esteemed colleague.

At present I am a chaplain in the Army, assigned to the Percy Jones Hospital Center here. I had been asked to apply for appointment as a chaplain in order to work with Japanese war prisoners, but for some reason the Army seems to have assigned no chaplains to that work. I live in hope, however, that I may yet be given work of that kind, for it seems to me that if even a few Japanese prisoners can come to know God who is the God of all men and nations they may be willing to go back and live for the salvation of their people rather than die for their supposed honor when the time comes to return them to their own land. So it is still my hope that God will bring it about that the Gospel may be preached to them.

Not very long after my father gave me your book I entered Mount Hermon School, and used to hear you at the Student Conferences. I worked at the Northfield Conferences for nine summers, and always looked forward to hearing you more than anyone else because it seemed to me that you held the banner high and left no loophole for anything short of the highest in Christian ideals and attainment. And although to us, the "help," it often seemed that Christian leaders of reputation often failed to be Christian in the little things of daily living and courtesy, you never let any of us down in what we expected of you. I want to thank you now for that too.

May our Father grant you His richest blessing in the days to come, and joy because of the knowledge that you have been the means of helping countless numbers of young men as you did me.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. McIlwaine
W. A. McIlwaine

(BEXHILL) McIntosh, Gilbert

"Lixie," Hillcrest Avenue Bexhill-on-Sea Sussex
England

May 16. 1944 *gm*

My dear old friend.

Somewhat or rather I feel I must push
aside other tasks, and write a few lines to you.
Friends in America may be interested in how
we are these days of tensions and climax.
Of course I keep in touch with Mr. and Mrs.
Dugfars and the Fitch families, but you have
been always in my thoughts and prayers
also, since the far back days of common
interests in work in China. My wife is still
(in her 83rd year) suffering from Spine trouble,
and her other ailments, but is wonderfully
cheerful and able to participate in household
work. With help so difficult to get, it is
unavoidable to keep clear of household duties.
Although I am 83 this month, and have
chronic calitis and other ailments, I have
very much to be thankful for in the matter
of health. Memory is not so good as it was.

and naturally my moments are limited and leisurely, but I keep on thanking our Heavenly Father for His wonderful goodness and mercy. The Bible is constantly opening up fresh visions of His love and mercy all down the ages. We are living in difficult times, but Gen. 45:8: came with wonderful force as I read of Joseph's words to his brethren "It was not you that sent me hither but God." With constant dome of overhead planes I recall the verse in Dante's "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Lately I have been making a study in spare moments of the scope of the Epistles of Paul and the unfolding of the doctrines of grace which were latent in the teaching of Jesus Christ. Amidst the many helpful books is your "John's Gospel" - "the greatest book in the world." It is perhaps I so often dip into it that I felt ^{like} ~~that~~ writing this brief note. I wanted to thank you again for all you have been to me in the past and the present. Please excuse brevity and hurried writing. Dear and love and good yours
 As ever yours
 Gilbert McIntosh

McIntosh, Gilbert

"Trixie" Hillcrest Ave., Bexhill, Sussex
England, November 25, 1946

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Dear Dr. Speer,

There is a postal announcement
this morning that the last Christmas
mail for U.S.A. goes out tomorrow, and
I felt I ought to lay other matters
aside and send a Christmas message.
Two things brought you forcibly to mind
(arise from the fact that you are daily in
my prayers). One was that Dr. James
Reid (many years minister in Eastbourne,
now retired, at 70) whilst paying a sick visit
to my wife, mentioned with grateful memory
his recollections of you on whom he knew;
and the other was the fact that in my
recent studies I was reminded of your
firm belief that "Jesus Christ is the Divine
Son of God"; and your reference to "Father
forgive them" (never "Father forgive Me," and
the fact that there was nothing in His life for

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which he needed to ask foreigners!"

Both my wife and I are over 85; and whilst I keep fairly well, my wife is a confirmed invalid. For the past three months she has been confined to bed; and as household help is irregular my time is much taken up in nursing and household work. I suffer from failing memory and find difficulty in calculating etc. (How I wish we had the decimal system instead of pounds, shilling, pence and farthing; for even in these days of shortages and irregular deliveries, farthings come in!)

However we have much to be thankful for. I still keep in touch with ^{and Chinese friends} Mr. Douglas, and my memory of business ^{affairs} ~~and~~ and the Chinese language is my great

Please send love. Best Christmas wishes to you and yours
Your old friend
Gilbert M. White

Mack, Edward

Berrybrook,
Orange, Virginia,
March 15th 1944.

Dear Doctor Speer :-

Your good letter of February 29th came two weeks ago, to be followed in a few days by the autographed copy of Five Minutes A Day. Mrs. Mack and I unite in thanking you for your kind, appreciated thought of us.

I am just now beginning to answer the stacks of letters collecting on my desk for weeks. Both Mrs. Mack and I have been sufferers from head and chest colds, which persisted for two or three months. Our phenomenally freakish winter, with almost daily alternations of record cold and record warmth, kept us down, almost making us regret our patriotic resolve to winter on the farm, where the isolation has been tempered by warmth, quiet comfort, and partial freedom from nation books. Mrs Mack did spend a week in Washington and ten days in Richmond, while I was visiting my daughter in Haddonfield and attending the Western Section's sessions at Atlantic City. Now, we feel that winter is in retreat, with grass turning green, violets and jonquils and first-breath-of-spring in bloom, and nine or ten varieties of birds feeding at our bird trays.

The book for daily cheer and help came just in time. We had ordered several, and sent them to friends. The final one, Mrs Mack's desk copy, was coveted by her sister, and just given to her. It is now bringing cheer to this sister, Mrs. Hedden Jones, in Patomoi, the old Finley family home, of which Mrs Jones is the eighth generation in occupancy.

Subscribing heartily to your letter's postscript I have been, and remain, beloved Robert,
Affectionately yours,
Edward Mack,

(Mack) Ed

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"BERRY BROOK"

ORANGE, VIRGINIA

February 7th 1945.

Dear Robert :-

Your letter, with good tidings of your return home and advancing convalescence, gave us real joy. We are hoping that, notwithstanding the abnormally severe weather, you are well on the way to full recovery, with return of your service to the Churches.

Down here "where the South begins" we would consider the "Sunny South" phrase a pure legend from our experience with weather of the past two months. Our red clay soil has not thawed for that time. This week, having to repair the tank and piping for the water system in one of our workmen's houses, we found the ground hard and dry frozen six to seven inches down, with solid ice in the deeply buried pipes. The trenches for new piping had to be cut with heavy axes, "believe

it or not." Snow and sleet falls have been light, and the sun has shone gloriously this week, but without softening over the surface of the frozen earth.

But Mrs. Meek and I have had better health than in recent winters, our colds of the fall now nearly past and gone. We are still holding out against the usual retreat to Richman's Jefferson Hotel, our warm home here, with full pantry and smokehouse and dairy being so much better for comfort and health than the "toast-and-tips" life of a city hotel. If we were sure of coal supply, we would be eager for you to spend a week or two with us as you journey toward your first Southern appointment.

Also, while at home we can keep in touch with our boys in War Service: My son-in-law Capt. Patterson U.S.N. taking command of a new ship in March, his son now overseas, his son-in-law, Com. McChintock of Leyte fame, now teaching at New London while waiting for a new ship, our son Finley in San Francisco, expecting any day to sail on Radar duty, and fifteen nephews and nieces in service. Commend us to Mrs. Spear. Affectionately,
Ed

(Mack) Ed

"BERRY BROOK"
ORANGE, VIRGINIA

Monkey Run,
February 12th 1945.

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Dear Robert :-

My daughter in Haddonfield, N.J., has an ill sister-in-law, who needs real country butter in her prescribed diet, but cannot get any. It has been our pleasure to send some butter from our dairy, churned by our faithful Rebecca. Dr. Lacy was with us yesterday, while keeping a Woodbury Forest appointment. He told us they can get only a counterfeit of butter in Richmond, some members of his family preferring to go butterers.

Mrs. Mack and I have thought you may be enduring the same deprivation, the more so with your snow blockade. So, we are presuming to send you a pound or two just from the churn, hoping it may be of some service in your steady convalescence.

We too have been severely handicapped by the
hardest winter of our country years. Some
sunshine of the past few days has brought
a skin of thaw to our two-months' frozen
ground. We had to cut with axes through
some seven inches of hard frozen soil to
replace a broken water pipe. Pipes were filled
with solid ice that deep down. We are in for
a trade of some of our frozen ground for
a covering of your snow. But our health
has been better and our physical comforts
more unvarying than for many winters.

Please commend us to Mrs. Spear; and
may God speed your convalescence!

Ever cordially yours,
Ed -

P.S. Our son Finley, now in San Francisco,
expects to go out on the Pacific in a few days
on Radar Service.

(Mack) Edward

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BERRYBROOK FARM
ORANGE, VIRGINIA

July 14th 1945.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Robert :-

We have not heard from you for a long time, hoping all the while that you have had complete recovery from the operations of last ^{winter}. We have not seen any statements of our Church publications whether, or not, you will come South for any of the summer conferences. However, we are putting in an early claim for your gracious and welcomed stop-over with us, hoping both to have you with us and to be of some help in making your journey less wearying.

Mrs Mack and I came through the strange winter and Spring - summer in March and winter in May - in better health than could have been expected. Rains in season have made bumper crops, given us invigorating air, and kept our hill country beautifully green. We shall make Berrybrook our summer resort, because the crowded seashore could give no added comfort; and because we can keep closer in touch with "our boys" in War Service. Our Piusley is in the West Pacific aboard a destroyer, the Cummings; our daughter's husband, son, son-in-law serve also in the Pacific. In the many closely related

branches of Mrs. Mack's and my families thirty members
are now in Service. Up to this time the only
casualties have been wounds, tropical diseases and
impairment. We try to keep in touch with them.
I hope all members of your family are being
kept safe.

Please commend us to Mrs. Speer. Mrs. Mack
joins me in the wish that we may see you soon.

Affectionately,
Edward.

Mack, Edward

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BERRYBROOK FARM
ORANGE, VIRGINIA

July 30th 1945

Dear Robert:—

Your welcomed letter of July 18th has not been answered earlier because the farm has been in a state of confusion. It was necessary for us to give up the farm manager, who has been with us for more than ten years. Only now is the farm getting back on an even keel.

I note in your letter that you are expecting to secure a sleeper reservation from Staunton on July 15th after your final appointment at Massanutta. As much as we wish to have you at Berrybrook, we think it will be the part of wisdom that you hold fast to that reservation, if you have secured it. The ride over the mountain after your busy day might be difficult for you also. We are arranging to drive over to Massanutta the morning of the 15th, for we cannot miss seeing and hearing you.

Should your effort to secure the Staunton reservation fail, please wire me. It might be possible to secure a Southern Railway reservation from Orange, or Charlottesville, to New York. In that case we ^{would} bring you to Orange in our car for the first northbound

train on which a reservation is possible; or for a restful night at Berrybrook.

Mrs. Mack joins me in warm regards for yourself and Mrs. Speer, confidently expecting to see you on August 15th. We both are hearing up well under load of Wartime farming, expecting any day announcement of the glad tidings of Japan's surrender.

Affectionately yours,

Edward Mack.

Mack, Edward

BERRYBROOK FARM
ORANGE, VIRGINIA

April 26th 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Robert:-

Your new book, Jesus and our Human Problems, has just come. Your generous and affectionate thought of us is appreciated by both Mrs. Mack and me. We shall share your chapters, she handling needle and machine, while I read aloud. We both are now safely ~~from~~ ^{over} illnesses, which fell upon us after we had weathered well the hardest winter we have known in our years at Berrybrook. A bracing tonic has just come to us with our son Dinsley's return home after honorable discharge from the Navy. Most of his sea service was in the West Pacific area, where he had some rough experiences off Iwo Jima and the Japanese Coast. But he came through sound in body and mind, and is now preparing to take the balance of his college work, beginning with Washington and Lee's Summer Term.

Berrybrook has been, and is, beautiful in spring dress of bluegrass over yard and pastures, green clover fields, and the rich color of bulbous plants and a dozen flowering trees and shrubs. We are having vegetables out of our garden, strawberries are due within two weeks, raspberries in June. If you are passing southward for conference service, please stop with us to share Nature's best.

I have commended us to Mrs. Speer. Mrs. Mack joins me in high regard, in gratitude also for your gift. Affectionately yours,
Edward Mack.

Mack, Edward

BERRYBROOK FARM
ORANGE, VIRGINIA

May 16th 1946?

Dear Robert :-

On reading Jesus and Our Human Problems both with care and devotion, I received therefrom a rich spiritual blessing. In this evening time of old age it set my heart aglow with the promised light.

After reading Wilbur Smith's strong apologetic, Therefore Stand, and Childs Robinson's, Christ the Hope of History, one with its cornucopia of extended quotations, the latter with its sub-medical terminology, your book of rich spiritual food, in your finest style, was a soul refresher.

In the quiet of this retired life I have been praying daily for loved one far away, some caught in the wiles of Humanism. Your chapter on the Good News of the Son of God about Prayer gave courage to faith in the God who is both far and near. I thank you!

Mrs. Mack joins me in best regards for Mrs. Speer and yourself.

We are happy to have our son Piusley at home after honorable discharge from the Navy. Fortunately he has secured entrance to the Summer Term of Washington and Lee, although our Virginia schools are filled to standing room.

Affectionately,

Edward Mack.

Mack, Edward

Berrybrook,
Orange, Virginia,
February 12th 1947

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Dear Robert :-

Mrs. Mack, with clearer mind than mine, suggests that my attempted answers to Mr. Lynch's questions be sent first to you, or through you, for your disapproval, or approval before forwarding as directed. It is my well-considered habit to receive her suggestions as non-militant orders.

In the enclosed pages you will find that my aged mind does not move as easily nor click as accurately as your younger mind. Frail childhood which kept me out of school, except for a few months, from eighth to fourteenth year, critical mastoid resulting from World War I service, and sprue picked up in China are now taking heavy toll of old age years.

But it has been joy to be asked to collaborate with you in helping a brother in need.

Mrs. Mack joins me in respectful greetings to yourself and to Mrs. Spear.

Affectionately yours,
Edward.

Mack, S. Franklin

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

October 21, 1946
(Dictated Oct. 13)

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your letter of October 13 and for your prompt forwarding of the Higginbottom manuscript.

My reading of it has had to be sandwiched in between a number of other things, so that I have not yet finished. I hope to complete the reading this weekend in connection with a trip to Binghamton.

Meanwhile, I have turned over the No. 1 copy to the religious editor at Scribners, Mr. William Savage, who had an understanding with Dr. Higginbottom in advance that they would have first look at the manuscript.

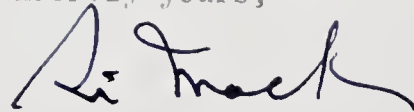
Mrs. Ira Hatch was in today and gave us some of the details of her weeks of strenuous work with Dr. Higginbottom to get it written. I think she has made a very notable contribution through her complete and sympathetic understanding of all that Dr. Higginbottom was desirous of getting into print. We paid her expenses from Vermont to Florida and back, and a small stipend per week to do the work. I am sure her contribution is worth far more than we have been able to pay her.

Our reading so far inclines us to feel that this biography has very real motion picture possibilities. Some of us are trying to find Protestant themes for motion picture treatment and this looks like something that could be treated in a way comparable to the picture version of A. J. Cronin's book, "The Keys of the Kingdom".

As you say, it certainly sounds like Sam. Whether the editor at Scribners will allow it to remain in its present form or not, I don't know.

Thank you very much for reading the manuscript and letting us have your comment on it. It is mighty good to hear from you and to see that familiar handwriting. It is some satisfaction to have passed your "intelligence test" for secretaries in that I read every word of it without difficulty! (Perhaps it's because I've had experience trying to decipher my own handwriting when cold!)

Sincerely yours,



S. Franklin Mack, Director,
Division of Education & Information.

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December 10, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

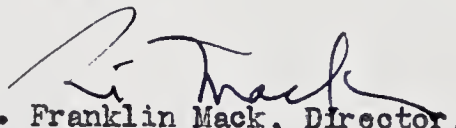
Dear Dr. Speer:

I inquired as to why a letter dated November 18 should not reach you in Lakeville until November 28. I think the answer lies in the fact that it was sent by second-class mail instead of first. It actually takes four days to get second-class mail from New York City to New York City! The fact that it came at the holiday may have had something to do with it, but I think the second-class mail factor is the principal one.

I was exceedingly sorry to miss the Executive Council luncheon at which you and Dr. Brown held forth. As you may have heard, my father's death necessitated my flying to California for the funeral and I couldn't get back until the day after the luncheon. Incidentally, my father was recognized as an outstanding Christian layman and his funeral was as triumphant a recognition of the home-going of one whose whole life had been devoted to Christian work as could be imagined. He was in his 80th year and had suffered a heart attack some weeks previous from which he appeared to be recovering satisfactorily.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,


S. Franklin Mack, Director,
Division of Education & Information.

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Mackay, John A.

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PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 21, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rock Ledge
Lakefield, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

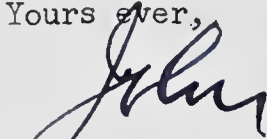
With the close of the Institute yesterday, comparative calm reigns on the campus today with the presence of only our own regular summer school students. On no previous year were the expressions of gratitude and appreciation so warm and so universal as this year. And that despite the fact that this year the Institute was carried on under unusually great difficulties. I myself felt, also, that it was the best Institute we have ever had.

In the name of everyone who heard you, let me express to you our deep gratitude for your presence and the series of lectures that you have given us. Everyone was most impressed with the insight which you showed and the power and unction with which you spoke. Your debtors we are.

I was so sorry that due to the fact that Dr. Homrighausen had his classes and Dr. Roberts was absent, I was so involved in keeping close to the Institute and to the problems of the regular accelerated course that it was difficult to get the time I desired for social intercourse. Dr. Farber, however, was very helpful and told me that he had talked with you about the graduation in August. Everything, therefore, has been cleared. Most of the faculty members will be here three weeks hence, and the actions taken in connection with the graduation will be submitted for approval to the Board of Trustees at its October meeting. I am enclosing a check as a small token of appreciation from the Institute Committee.

I do hope that you are going to have a little rest this summer. Mrs. Mackay and I expect to get away for a few weeks in Virginia and North Carolina after our summer graduation is over. With affectionate regards to Mrs. Speer and you.

Yours ever,



John A. Mackay

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Mackay, John

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PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 16-19

October 24, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

Your telegram in reply to mine has just arrived. What occasioned the difficulty is this. In the Spring I had accepted the invitation of New York University to give the Deems Lectures in this institution this Fall. The understanding was that the lectures would take place on six successive Mondays. I quite forgot, in giving the dates that I did, that one of these Mondays might be required for a Commencement. At the time of the Board meeting I forgot that the Monday chosen had already been promised to New York University. I am deeply grateful to you and Dr. Farber for your willingness to have the date of the Graduation Exercises changed from the Monday to the Tuesday, because of the embarrassing situation. I am, accordingly, sending out, in Dr. Farber's name, a special letter to all the Board members asking for their permission for the change.

There will be one advantage, at least, in having the Graduation Exercises on the evening of Tuesday instead of Monday. We shall be able to have as our Commencement speaker, Dr. Alan Tory, Australia's leading Presbyterian minister, who happens to be in this country at the present time. He was going to speak in the Seminary in any case on that evening, so we can make his address the Commencement address. I trust this will meet with your approval.

It was a great joy to see you on the occasion of the Board meeting. Everyone remarked that they never saw you in greater vigor or heard you to better advantage.

(1) I do hope that in the course of next year you will give me the article which I so much desire for THEOLOGY TODAY. Would you not put down your reflections upon the state of the Church and the needs of the ministry as you have sensed both to be in your journeys throughout the country these last years. Moreover, pour into the article what is deepest in your heart or mind. Such an article could appear in almost any number. It might be entitled, "Thoughts of a Layman Concerning the Church and the Ministry," or any title that you would want to give it; but do try to let us have it. Any typing which might have to be done in connection with it can be done here.

(2) And would you also take quite seriously two other things: An address on the occasion of the Spring Graduation Exercises, which will be very important this year.

Dr. Robert E. Speer

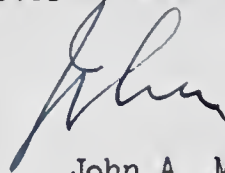
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The date agreed upon was March 4. At that time you would have not only the graduates, but our whole student body. The other thing is that you come again for a series of Bible Readings for one of the weeks of the Institute of Theology. You could choose the first week or the second, namely July 8 to 11, or July 16 to 19.

With loving regards to Mrs. Speer and you and all the Speers everywhere.

Yours ever affectionately,



John A. Mackay

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P. S. We are most happy to know that William is going to come definitely in December. Dr. Roberts has been able to find him a small parish and a manse not very far from Princeton.

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Mackay, John

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PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 19, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

What a joy it was to receive your letter of December 16!

I have never and shall never get over the fact that you had to sit up all night on your way back to Lakeville after our recent Commencement. At the same time, the memory of your quiet vigil in the Pennsylvania waiting room until the early morning train set out will abide with me through the years as a supreme inspiration. I am happy at least that no ill effects resulted and that Aquilla arrived home to waiting Pricilla and love's sanctuary at Rockledge.

I greatly regret that you do not feel that you can write an article for THEOLOGY TODAY and yet I hope you will have an inspiration to do so, for what you write would be a very important contribution for a host of needy ministers such as those with whom you have been dealing in recent years. Should the inspiration come to you, do put something on paper and let us have it for typing and printing.

I greatly appreciate the list of names you sent of possible Commencement speakers on the occasion of our Spring Commencement, but none can take your place. I do hope, therefore, that you will consent to speak to our whole student body at that time. In view of the fact that there is a fund for speakers, the Seminary would want to have the privilege of drawing upon its resources to express in the usual way its appreciation to one to whom the institution owes so much. Only if you would feel that you dare not promise to come at that time because of the uncertainties and hazards of the weather, would I think for a moment of turning to any other person. Some time around the turn of the year you might let me have your final decision.

I cannot tell you how happy I am and how happy scores of other folks will be when they know that you will be coming for our Institute

Dr. Robert E. Speer

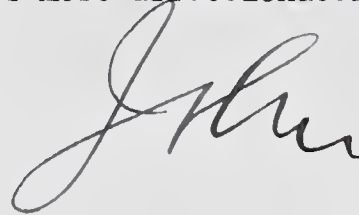
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December 19, 1945

of Theology. II Timothy would be grand for a series of four studies. It is not necessary, however, to announce the theme definitely. The full program will not be officially announced until the springtime. You will be interested to know that Dr. Herbert Farmer of Westminster College, Cambridge, and Professor Henderson of the Chair of Church History in Aberdeen University will be here also. Dr. Clarence Macartney will come on the first week and Professor Cailliet will be with us also. We can look forward, therefore, to a wonderful Institute. In connection with the Institute let me repeat what I said when we spoke about the matter. We shall be most happy to have Mrs. Speer come along with you and enjoy some quiet days in the Princeton Inn. Do try to prevail upon your dear wife to come along with you.

With affectionate regards and Christmas and New Year greetings to you both and to all the members of the Speer family,

Yours most affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed closing of the letter.

Mackay, John

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PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 14, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Absence from Princeton immediately after our Winter Commencement has delayed my writing you until now. Let me thank you with all my heart in behalf of the Faculty and Student Body of Princeton Seminary for the most remarkable address which you gave on the occasion of the recent graduation exercises. Your large audience was thrilled and I cannot recollect any address given at the Commencement time, in recent years, which so profoundly moved a Commencement audience. Thankfulness to God for the message and the messenger were mingled with admiration for the form and substance of the discourse and the virility of the speaker on the border of four score years. Your debtors we are for all this as for so many other things.

I am enclosing a check for fifty dollars which I trust you will accept, inasmuch as it comes from the budget for speakers who favor us with addresses at our several Commencements.

Might I ask you also if you would not write a few lines to Dr. Rebecca Price

235 East 49th Street, New York, New York

whom our Curriculum Committee is eager to get as the woman member of the Seminary Faculty in connection with our new School of Christian Education. She is a very remarkable woman in her mid-thirties and a member of the famous Price missionary family in the Southern Presbyterian Church. I am sure that it would mean a very

great deal to her to receive word from you. It would be a very decided factor in disposing her to consider favorably the approach of our Curriculum Committee, all the members of which are very unanimous that she is the woman that we want to have.

With affectionate regards to Mrs. Speer and you,

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John".

Mackay, John

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 16, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

We greatly missed you at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee but look forward to seeing you next Monday.

In the meantime I am sending you the credentials of two new teachers whose names will be presented to the Curriculum Committee for consideration before the Trustees meet formally on Monday. It was unfortunate that at the last meeting of the Curriculum Committee there was no quorum, so that those who attended had a conference together regarding one or two personalities whom I proposed for consideration for vacancies in the Seminary Faculty.

Miss Crawford is being presented for the position of Guest Professor of Teaching Methods and Curriculum Materials. Since I interviewed her personally and received her credentials from Yale, I had a personal note from Dean Weigle speaking in most enthusiastic terms about Miss Crawford. She has been a lone person in the midst of certain current trends in Religious Education, inasmuch as she has stood for real evangelical religion. She is, moreover, a mature person who can bring to our School of Christian Education and to her contacts with the young women a great wealth of experience and prestige. By electing her, moreover, as a Guest Professor an opportunity will be given to the Trustees and to her to consider whether the relationship should be made more permanent.

As regards Dr. Hope, I feel that he is the person whom we have been looking for. I have learned that were there a vacancy in the Department of Church History in the University of Edinburgh, that is in New College, he would be the first choice. I am forwarding you also a copy of a letter which he has written me in answer to some questions which I asked him regarding his outlook upon Church History and the functions of a teacher of that subject.

Dr. Robert E. Speer

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May 16, 1946

In every way I feel that God has guided us at last to the person that we need to make the Department of Church History equally worthy of our Princeton tradition and the present opportunity. You may also be interested to know that Dr. Hope has quite won the hearts of people in the Reformed Church, not only those in the Eastern area, but also those in the Western. He is, moreover, a very outstanding preacher.

With affectionate regards to Mrs. Speer and you,

Yours even,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text "Yours even,".

(MacKay), John

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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January 14, 1947

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

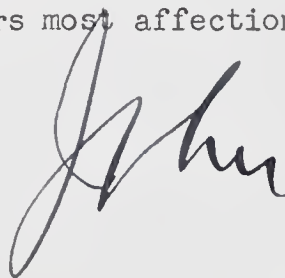
My dear Dr. Speer:

How deeply I regretted that unexpected circumstances arose which prevented me being present at our Quiet Day in the Zwemer apartment! I had looked forward with great eagerness to this time together, but when the day came a situation arose which clearly made it my duty to remain on the campus.

I am fulfilling the desires of the Trustees in sending out data regarding the nominations to be made for diverse positions on the Seminary Faculty. I trust they will commend themselves to you. The chief appointment, of course, would be that of Dr. Cailliet whom you have come to know in these last years and who has such a deep and affectionate admiration for you personally. I don't know, of course, if Dr. Cailliet will be willing to accept, but if we could get him, we would be getting one of the most outstanding apologists for Christianity in our time, and a man of warm evangelical piety with a passionate love of youth.

Looking forward eagerly to the meeting next month and with warmest regards to Mrs. Speer and you,

Yours most affectionately,



McKean, James W.

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351, Termino Ave.,
Long Beach, California 4.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
ROCKLEDGE,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Robert:

My first word must be a petition. I most earnestly ask that you will forgive me for sending to you the very unsightly scrawl of pen and ink purporting to be a letter of thanks for the very choice booklet that day received from you, The Fellowship of the Spirit

At that time I was ill suffering from an unruly and badly acting heart. Many months previously I had had a similar attack but much less severe. Whether I was fearful of non recovery I cannot recall. The urge to make acknowledgment of the kind gift came upon me. I arose sat upon the edge of the bed and wrote. The result was evil in the extreme. But there was no evil intent in the act but definitely the reverse. Evidently I had lost all sense of propriety and was truly non compos mentis.

These words are written not as an excuse for this most regrettable act. I am deeply sorry, grieved and ashamed. In case you are willing I ask that your reply will be merely the word "Forgiven" or its equivalent.

The precious little booklet was used throughout the period until and including Pentecost. Sometimes at family worship at other times individually in private. We gladly received your instructive comments and prayed with you and we thank you deeply and sincerely

Dear DR. Robert your life and your writings have been a joy and a comfort to me and I am grateful to our Father in Heaven for the privilege of making your acquaintance in Northfield in the summer of 1889. I have rejoiced and given thanks for your life of very great ~~usefulness~~ and world-wide usefulness.

Ever sincerely yours,

James W. McKean

McKee, John D.

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WOOSTER, OHIO

March 14, 1944

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

As you may know, Dr. Charles F. Wishart is retiring from the presidency of Wooster this year. He has been at the head of the institution for twenty-five years. In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Wishart, the College is designating the forthcoming Commencement in May as the Wishart Commencement. The dates are Friday to Monday, May 12-15.

From the standpoint of public acclaim, the most important event on the program is the Alumni dinner, which will be held Saturday evening, May 13. At that time we are planning to have one speech as a personal tribute to Dr. Wishart from an alumnus who is also a long-time associate in college affairs. Dr. Arthur H. Compton, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has accepted this assignment.

We are also planning an address, twenty minutes in length, on the development of the College under Dr. Wishart's leadership. In behalf of the committee, I wish to invite you to deliver the address on that occasion. As an honorary alumnus of Wooster and an old friend of Dr. Wishart's, you are familiar with the service which he has given to Christian education during his administration.

It is our thought that your estimate of Dr. Wishart's contribution to this great cause would be a public service. We ardently desire to have an appraisal made by one whose career has been also identified with a great phase of Christian service. We know of your affection and admiration for Dr. Wishart and believe that you would give the crowning touch to our program.

Dr. Wishart's service to the Church has been that of an educational statesman. Your contribution, Sir, has been of like stature. We covet the privilege of hearing you at Wooster in this association.

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Dr. Robert E. Speer
March 14, 1944

If you can be with us we will pay traveling expenses and entertainment, plus an honorarium of \$50.00. We fervently hope that you can accept our invitation.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John D. McKee". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

John D. McKee
Director of Alumni Relations

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McLean, J. H.
Monroe, Orange Co. N.Y.
Aug 11th - 1944.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

Your very touching letter of Aug 3rd was all compact of the loyalty and affection which have marked the brotherly comradeship into which you admitted me in 1906. Let me assure you that it is but the latest of a long list of encouragements and inspirations your own career has furnished me and I record my genuine gratitude once more.

Your note was forwarded to the above address which you will recognize as the country home of our mutual friend Mrs. M. Miguel who made very kindly inquiry concerning Mrs. Speer just a few days since.

On July 17th I had an offending gall-bladder removed and on Aug 4th Mrs. Miguel bore me off to this ideal retreat for convalescence. This relief from my

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only recognized physical weakness, confers a new lease on coming years of effort in Chile. Even my children acquiesce in this arrangement though they would prefer to have nearer. Truth to confess, the 38 years in Chile have bound me to that land and people inseparably. Despite the obstacles and reverses, the Chileans in growing companies are acknowledging Christ as Saviour Lord and adorning their discipleship. Shortly before my departure we organized the Christian Student Movement with one of my University boys as President of it. The Univ. of Chile, to insure my return, created a special chair of "North American Literature" for me. The Sunday morning radio-sermon in Spanish gives me a group of listeners far larger and more cultured than my faith could grasp. Throughout all these years I have been painfully conscious of my limitations but I have gladly proffered all that was mine to the Lord who can give it increase. My anxious proclivities have led me into homes and hearts that would have remained closed to any other approach.

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Let me congratulate you upon your
carpenter shop and Bindery. There are
supreme moral truths symbolized in
handicrafts and the trained hand can
glorify our Maker. Judging from the two
sermons I heard at 1st Pres. Church, I
am sure your bow abides in strength and
that the sowing and tithing of former years
are bearing perennial harvests.

Once more, let me reiterate my
deep sentiment of obligation to you for unflinching
kindness and continual stimulus.

May this eighth decade prove the
best wine of the feast kept till the last.

Please inform Mrs. Speer of
Mrs. Miguel's solicitude (she is away in N.Y. to-day)
and accept, both of you, my assurance of
undiminished esteem.

Cordially,

J. H. McLean

MacLeod, Peter B.

Fourth Presbyterian Church

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26 June 47

Dr. Robert E. Speer.

156 Fifth Ave.

New York.

Dear Dr. Speer,

The writer attended the Synod of Penna last week and enjoyed very much along with others your devotional periods. Last evening I gave at prayer meeting an outline of the meetings of Synod and endeavored to recall your four aspects of Christian experience:

Memory, Simplicity, Conscience, Mystery.
and have enjoyed the exercise of recalling them.

After prayer meeting we had a meeting of the missionary council (or committee) and made plans for a missionary conference to take place October 12, 13, 14, 15.

It was thought that you might be able to come and give an address in the ^{missionary} series on

October 15th if not otherwise engaged.

We will sorry you will not able to
come during our summer vacation
season.

We are having Dr. Zwemer on Aug 11th
at 4th Church. and also are writing to
him to be with us on Oct. 12th

I am sure you enjoyed the fellowship
at Wilson Ballie Chambersburg and
all were glad you could be there.

With best wishes for your health & vigour.

Yours faithfully

Peter B. MacLeod
PETER B. MACLEOD
Chairman Missionary Council

off quietly to sleep at the
least. Life had become a
great burden for her and
she longed for her home
going. I feel so thankful
that my children knew
my father & mother so
well. I feel always
be a blessing to them.
I am also so glad they
have known so many
of their friends. - See,
my oldest, once said
to me "mother, I never
knew one of papa's friends
who wasn't nice" and

MacMillan, Elizabeth
5-22-47

Farm Duryea Road
Montclair, N. J.

Dear Dr. Spier,

I thank you for your
note of sympathy and
cheer. Even tho we were
prepared for the fact that
mamma would not be
with us much longer,
her going has left a
great emptiness. She had
been losing strength for
the last few months
very fast and dropped

I feel that is a wonderful
memory for them and for me
and the rest of our family to
have. We did have a
wonderful home life and
so much to be grateful for.
Papa and mamma loved
you and Mr. Speer very
much and your friendships
meant a great deal to them
and to all of us too.

Remember me to Mrs. Speer.

Affectionately,

Elizabeth MacMillan

May 22, 1947

MacMillon, Fred C.

Central Iowa Fuel Company

1219 SOUTHERN SURETY BUILDING
DES MOINES 9, IOWA

Dear Friend
Mr Speer Jan - 2 - 46

I was glad to have your warm
greetings - with Southern Presbyterian
magazine with your most splendid article
It is good to hear from Mrs Mc Lor
at Xmas - it was good to hear from
you -

I am glad you are going to be at
Napaok - I hope you will meet
my brother Jason - pastor
of the Presbyterian Church - I have
written him to find you -

I hope you are real well - I am
sending kindest thoughts and
love to you & Mrs Speer -
your fond friend
Fred & Mae Millon

McMillon, Jeannette

✓
46 Madison Ave
Montclair N. J.
1/18/44

Dear Dr. Speer

I think of you
often as I enjoy your
Christmas gift

Prayer Poems

It was a thoughtful,
helpful gift =

Miss Mabel Garrett was
in to see me Saturday
and was so pleased with
the Book - that she is
going to have a copy.

I know you and Mrs.
Speer must be happy
having Margaret home -
Please remember me to her -

I am getting better but
it is slow work and not
being able to get out at all
is hard but I know it is
for the best -

The sunset Sunday night
was so glorious it took me
back to a Sunday evening
in the Loantobroon Valley
as a friend and I watched
the sunset there until the
jungle was carved with
the gold -

When my call comes I
hope I can go out in the
sunset -

Hope you are all well -

Sincerely yours
Jeanette McMillan

(McMillan, Jeanette)

83 High St -

Mailclass - N. J.

Feb. 22/44

Dear Mr. Speer

Just a line today
to hope you are getting better
and better, and when the
snow and ice is gone you will
get out and enjoy the sun -
shine,

We have a little enclosed
porch on one side of the house
where the sun pours in

and where I have my
"daily dozen", but I long for
the "big outside" - and to be
able to go when I please -
how I please and where I
please -

I have asked the Lord
a good many times to
please let me "come home"
but He doesn't send for me.

Are you lots better? =
My! I would be so glad
to see you -

I am enjoying "Homecoming"

which you sent me = It is
my "Good Night" every
night = Thank you again

My regards to the
family and I thank
God for your friendship

McMillan, Jeannette

83 High St -
Montclair

6/8/44

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Dear G. Speer:

I haven't heard anything
from you or about you in a
long time = Would be glad in-
deed to see you - but next best
is to hear from you -
I am better - So darn-
stairs now to dinner and supper -
and when it is warm enough
out on the porch -

I wish memory was a bit more

vigorous = But I am doing some
traveling again ^{mentally} = Switzerland
mainly = Not so bad? D.
thinks I have made a wonderful
recovery so far = My friends
are good to me.

Mabel Barrett was in the
other day - Susie Pinder has
called - and so it goes

Am enjoying Prayer Poems
which came to me at
Christmas = Wish I could see
you again = Remembrance to
Mrs. Speer = Jeanette McMillan



To my true friend
Robert C. Speer

Many happy greetings
on your birthday

Wish much I
could see you -
Jeanette M. Millan

I am getting along
quite well - I and
while my memory
has been - I and still
is very lazy - that
has not kept you
outside =

McMillan, Jeannette

83 High St -

Montclair -
Aug. 17/44

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To my friend

Dr. Speer = =
 Friend of the long ago and of
 many years since = "The Blue"
 Now I wish I could see you and
 Mrs. Speer and Margaret - I
 get fuzzled in my memory
 often as to faces and names -
 but not you's and yours But
 people are nice and I don't seem
 to mind if I don't call them
 by name right away.

I am told by those who
 have seen ^{me} through this 19
 months that I have "made
 a wonderful come back" - but I
 have wished many a time I
 could "have entered in" - and

not ~~come~~ come back -

Am still enjoying the
"Prayer Poems" you sent me -
and I have some pictures here
which I took "over there", and
of my cousin's beautiful
Liberian dog who loves me as
I love her =

But I don't know where
my Camera is - and people
are so busy they can't be
bothered to hunt things for me;
but they can't take care of my
~~the~~ memory old friends tried
and tried - like you and
Jaw =

Shall be hoping for
another letter some day -
Your friend Jeannette McMillan

McMillan, Jeannette

88 High St -

Montclair N.J.

Feb. 4/45

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Dear friend -

Dr. Speer:

Are you still home or
back in the hospital - You
said you would have to go
about now - for the finishing
touches?

I do hope the leg
will soon be better - well -

I am enjoying "Homespun"
which you sent me - and

"Five Minutes a Day"
which came to me from
Sadie and Addie Rue - for a
Christmas gift.

You did a fine piece of
work on it = I am enjoying
it.

Best wishes for a com-
plete recovery -

Jeannette McMillan

McMillan, Jeanette

83 High St -

Montclair - N. J.

July 11/45

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Dear Mr. Speer

It was good to get that glimpse of you on Sunday - and I wish it could have been a bit longer - Hope you got home safely - and that some day we shall see each other again =

In the meantime may I have a note occasionally
It helps me a lot
Your friend
Jeanette McMillan

95 Itacolomy, ^{McMurtry} S. Paulo, Brazil.
Dear Mr. Roberts Speer — Nov. 3-1944

Is that the way you prefer a letter to begin, when written out of a full heart that has thought of you almost as if blood-kin to my own family. Being brought up to love you as my parents did. I must have been four and a half years old when first knowing who you were, for at that age my parents (after Persia where I first saw the light and recuperation ⁱⁿ ^{USA,} for father's strained eye-sight) first came to Brazil. What a glorious experience our hard, joyous and encouragingly fruitful, (joint and individual) living and working here has proved! Deafness, ^{since} Spanish flu epidemic at end of other World War, cannot lessen my gratitude for the gift of life, here or elsewhere, it belongs to our Father

What will it not be, of rapture and accomplishment in its continuation when veils are lifted and the seeing Him, our Master, is face to face!

How one longs to be ^{more} consistently true to his commission of endeavoring to represent Him on ^{earth} but it is none too easy in a flashing instant of time to know how best "to answer them" and which way to start acting one's faith.

My sister Jean Porter Graham & Frank, her husband, have a quartet of offspring; only the (yesterday) ten years old "Thomas" (for my father) "Richard" (for Frank's uncle) is at home with them and others, ten Brazilian youngsters they mother & father thro' each school year in order that they may attend at all, coming from Country

2) ^{sister Gabriel's 3 children are in Rio with their father.} The three ^{Graham} ~~pieces~~ ^{pieces} I love to have
within sight are in this sec-
tion 5 days' journey from Pla-
naltina, Goyas. The twin girls
are finishing 3rd year High
School at my Mackenzie
and Violet ^{Graham} 18² is at end
of Brazil's 2nd year of college,
taking the course at "MC",
our Presbyterian country school
32 km. out of S Paulo. Now in its
17th year, we celebrated the
birthday, as annually, of that
first known-to-be converted
ex-RC priest and for first time
I walked to the hill top and
sat on gnarled roots of the ^{great}
old wild-fig tree where José
Mameel da Conceição may
sometimes have rested on
his rather independent
program of trudging afoot
over the country side in
order to visit almost literally
every cabin where he was
not spurned, - as very rarely
seems to have occurred. He
died Christmas Day 1873; unknown" was the first

been the tendency only to bring you back to the twisted of 1873 in Christ's service

...but the barracks commander's 3 generations ago...
...Christian!
...Brazilian youths & students prefer
...ing at J.M.C. to enter the Seminary
...in Campinas to prepare for the min-
...istry. Both had been influenced to-
...ward this great motive by my
...father, tho' it is not quite eight
...years since heaven called him home
...so they must have been mere
...children - but never too young
...to respond to the summons
...to serve, having evidently been
...named prophets by their Chris-
...tian parents with that hope in view,
...Ezra and "Isaiah." Not brothers,
...nor even relatives, except in the best
...Your story of Blind Chang the
...Chinese convert of May '86 at 37
...years of age - told to me while I
...was very new here as "directora" -
...recurred in its similarity of
...method used voluntarily by
...the converted two-to this way and
...the success of J.M. Conceição in Brazil
...so I told the boys of his life and
...some of the abiding results and
...them of Round-top prayer meet-
...ings (in Mass) 100 years ago? for mis-
...sion candidates etc. and their
...reaping some of all that. They
...seemed greatly impressed. Also
...mentioned you to them - I can't forbear

God bless you & make you richer in Him than ever before, as His good will an-

Thirty years ago in Florianopolis, Rev George Randes—who
 in his lonely years while his wife stayed in the States
 with their children at school there, lived with me and the
 teachers, you know,—gave me a new copy of the Portuguese
 New Testament which only now have I taken from
 the cover in which he presented it to begin to use, for all
 the other's I've worn pretty well beyond easy repair,
 and the scarcity of gospels even just portions, in view
 of that Book's never ceasing to be the world's best seller,
 was never so marked. All believers possessing extra
 copies have long been asked would they please
 turn them in, for helping out the desired supply to Brazil.

+ MacNeil, Sidney M.

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BAGHDAD COLLEGE
BAGHDAD, IRAQ

February 3, 1947

Dear Dr. Speer, - Pax Christi -
Just to-day

I read your article: "Simon
Peter's Witness", in the "Moslem
World" for January 1947.

In many
respects I liked your article
very much. It is, however,
unfortunate that you offended
against objective truth in
the words: "The Roman Church
has filled His (God-Man Mediator's)
place with a Mediatix".

A mere

Casual reference to any approved Catholic book on Dogmatic Theology will prove your statement erroneous.

Again, in your reference to the "Mariology of the Roman Catholic Church", I would respond:— We do honor in a special way the Blessed Virgin Mary (Hyperdulia). We do not adore her. Adoration (Latria) is given to God alone.

Even Moslems honor Mary. Should any Christian deny the words of the

Magnificat? - (Luke I, 46-55)

Excerpt: - "Ecce enim ex
 hoc beatam me dicent
omnes generationes".

I was born and
 reared in the yankee town
 of Southborough (Mass.).
 My home was very near
 St. Mark's School. It is
 pleasant to recall that
 there were never any mis-
 understandings among the
 good people of that town.

God bless you,

Dr. Speer, and all dear
 to you. - Faithfully in Our Lord,
 (Rev.) Sidney M. Mac Neil, S. J.

Marker, Charles W.

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Pearson Memorial Methodist Church

CHARLES W. MARKER, MINISTER
WHITE HORSE, TRENTON, N. J.

September 5, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer:

You have always been one of my pulpit heroes; in fact, you are among the few men who challenge me to do and be my best for Christ. When I heard you about twelve years ago when I was a student at The Missionary Training Institute at Nyack, I was captured by your message; and today I can repeat your outline as though it were last week.

Your books are always an inspiration. They are so full of the Gospel; "so free from superstition and yet so free from liberalism." At present I am culling out some books you mention in your book, "The Meaning of Christ to Me." I am making a list of them for future reading.

It occurred to me that you would be glad to help a younger minister in his reading, since you yourself have read so widely. Would it be possible for you to take time out to list some of the books which have meant the most to you in a spiritual way? I like scholarly books like those of Morgan, Denny, Mullins, Stalker, and others, which are also challenging spiritually to a young minister. I also read liberal authors; but not many because they leave me cold. If you can help me here with as many meaningful books as you have time to set down, I shall be deeply grateful to you. I have read your "Christian Realities" two or three times and intend to read it at least once more.

With best wishes for your continued usefulness to Christ, I am,

Cordially yours,

Charles W. Marker

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May 5, 1946

Dear Dr. Speer:

Once I wrote to you about books and you kindly helped me. Now I have another problem. Being half way to seventy and having read widely in homiletics I ought not have it, perhaps; but it ^{is} more of a problem than it was.

A conservative in theology, I feel there is nothing to substitute for good biblical content in preaching. I have also felt that expository preaching was the best type in form, as well as content. That is, expository preaching properly developed as to unity, etc. But a recent writer calls it "too easy." According to moderns, too, the approach must be person-centered, not truth centered. No doubt Barth would disagree with that.

Is it not true that expository preaching gives the most rounded ministry and meets more problems in the end than even the "problem" approach? Should one emulate Dr. G. C. Morgan in his biblical form? Dale, in his doctrinal approach? Macartney in his biographical style? MacLaren in his textual analysis?

In short, with your long experience and rich judgment in the matter, what would you resolve to do if you were beginning today? What form should you use most? Should the emphasis be mostly individual or more social than we conservatives have been wont? And should you still adhere to the practice of not writing sermons? ^{in a postulate}

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And what are the books best worth reading on this now?

If this seems impertinent, I assure you that I do not mean it so.

With best wishes and thanks for your having written yet another
book, which I am now reading, I am,

Cordially yours,

Charles W. Marker

MRS. MARSHALL MASON
82 SOUTH SEVENTEENTH STREET
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

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June 1, 1946

Dear Doctor Speer,

You will be surprised to hear from me and perhaps will not even remember that I was originally Bertha Shedd. When I was in New York in 1935 you were good enough to make up a statement for me with information which might serve in lieu of a birth certificate.

At that time I was advised to simply keep it in my possession, but I have recently inquired again and find that it would be wise to have it recorded. For this purpose it has to be a notarized statement, so I am going to impose on your good nature again and ask if you will be good enough to have the statement, which I am returning to you with this letter, notarized. I wonder too if, while you are doing it, you would be willing to make a similar statement for my sister Louise. She was born on September 10, 1906. We will both appreciate this very much, and if there is any expense involved at all please let us know. Louise's married name, I should have added, is Louise Shedd Barker.

I hear news of Presbyterian Persian missionaries through Mrs. S. G. Wilson who is my neighbor here in San Jose. The world really is small. Thank you so much,

Sincerely,

Bertha S Mason

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June 17, 1946
Dict. 6/13

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your letter of June 10th just received enclosing the certificate to be duplicated in the name of Louise Shedd Barker. You will find enclosed herewith three copies of the document altered in accordance with your suggestion. I hope that this is what you desire. You do not say that you want the copies dated June 1946 so we have copied them just as they appear, namely, July 31, 1935. If this is not correct let us know and we will do them over again.

Thank you for your notation regarding Resolution 24 in the Report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions of the recent General Assembly. As Dr. Leber and Dr. Wysham were responsible for that resolution I am sending them a memorandum giving them your comments. When I heard that that resolution was to appear in the Report I had some immediate questions myself but I could not lay my hands on any figures or historical facts to substantiate my doubt.

The Board at its Annual Meeting on Monday elected Mr. Paul O. Moser of Topeka, Kansas to become Secretary for Laymen and because Rex Wheeler insisted that in accordance with the G.I. Bill of Rights, he should be taken back into the service of the Board, he has been elected for service for one year to deal with a special project in the Division of Education and Information. This will not please Rex but the Board seemed to feel that that was all it could do in view of the fact that he resigned a year ago.

The Board's receipts are going down where the expenses are going up. I find myself almost constantly in the minority in protesting many of these expenditures. The day of reckoning will come when we have a financial depression.

Very sincerely yours,

William P. Schell

WPS:k

April 11th / 47

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May, Edith H.
3 Concord Ave
Cambridge. 35-
Trans -

Dear Dr. Speer,

I am enclosing
two letters (my last) received from
Miss Lawton of Jhansi, India,
Thinking you would be
interested in reading them,
having known her well for
many years.

I can see by her last letter, that
The fall she had, has made
her realize that it is "not good
for man (or woman) to live
alone", and that the shock
of her fall has weakened her.
We must pray that she may
be guided surely - I had hoped

she might come home to her
with her family, for they had
offered to pay her way to the U.S.A.
but of course travel on the
transport ships is very wearing
and evidently she does not
feel up to much effort -

I trust you and Mrs. Speer
are pretty well - I was 80
last August, and am feeling
my limitations somewhat -
It is good to be able to live
in the comfort of Ps. 23 -

Yours sincerely

Edith H. May

Mead, Frank S.

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NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

October 17, 1944.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Dr. Poling has turned over to me your letter of October 4th.

Of course, I am delighted to know that you react so favorably to Dr. Poling's suggestion that you write the Daily Meditations for Christian Herald.

These Meditations have not been all that we wished them to be, for some time, and I am more than certain that in your very capable hands they shall reach a standard we have not known for a long time.

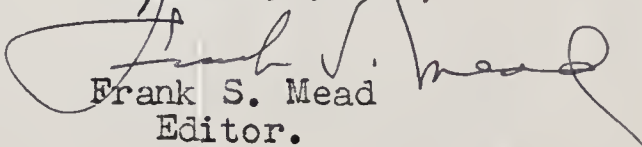
I was deeply impressed by your little book, FIVE MINUTES A DAY, as I know thousands of others were impressed.

I would be glad to run up to see you at your home, or to see you here in town at your convenience, to discuss the general form and layout of this devotional material. I am forwarding today under special cover a few copies of Christian Herald in order that you may see how we have been doing them. There is, however, no rule of iron which obliges us to continue in this particular form. We will be glad to arrange them in any new and attractive way which you may have to suggest. The greatest problem as you will see is that of space.

Will you drop me a line very soon about this? We have on hand, from the present editor of this department, the devotions for the February issue so that you would not be fighting a close deadline to get your first manuscript in our hands. You would start with the March issue.

With every best wish,

Cordially yours,


Frank S. Mead
Editor.

FSM/mc

for Mead, Frank S.

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419 FOURTH AVE.



NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

November 27, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Speer:

Thank you so much for your card which has come in Mr. Mead's absence from the office on a trip west.

As you request, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the December issue of Christian Herald.

I know if Mr. Mead were here he would send his best wishes to Dr. Speer and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Wilfred C. Calkins

Secretary.

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Mrs. R. G. Speer
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February 26, 1945.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

May I have your two or three best sermons? Christian Herald is looking forward to the establishment of a new feature consisting of a sermon from a nationally known preacher each month. We are most anxious to include your name among those preaching from the Christian Herald Pulpit, and I would like to have these two or three sermons as a basis from which to make our first selection.

Sermons either in typewritten, mimeographed or printed form will be deeply appreciated.

We will be glad to remunerate you for this effort at the rate of \$35.00 per sermon selected, if this is acceptable to you.

Could you send them to me right away?

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank S. Mead". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Frank S. Mead
Editor.

FSM/mc

Meigs, Marion
n.d.

Thank you both so
much for the unending
standing letters! It
is such a joy to feel
that Mother finally has
her release. What a
reunion there must
have been!

I think Mother proud
of you (individually as well
as collectively!) as well
as all of us on this earth—

and I am so grateful
for Mr. Speer's visit to her
the past time he was
here. My warm thanks
and my deep love.
Warren

The family of
Mrs. John Meigs
acknowledges with grateful
appreciation the kind expression
of your sympathy

Michel, Fred J.

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Ever so many thanks for permitting me to have these precious minutes with you this morning.

Enclosed is copy of the brief report to which I made reference. Permit me to supplement that with a brief statement.

We added Mr. Robert T. Parsons to our staff on September 1. He served eleven years in Africa under the United Brethren Board, secured his Master's degree from Cornell, and his doctorate from Kennedy School of Missions. The condition of Mrs. Parsons' health prevented their return to the field.

No other denominational or inter-denominational agency is undertaking to meet the perennial need for a Men and Missions emphasis with that degree of singleness of purpose which has characterized the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and which is necessary to accomplish its objectives. It must be granted that the Movement has not attained its ends to the degree which might be expected, but with a budget of eight to twelve thousand dollars a year and a wholly inadequate staff, its limitations were quite natural.

We are hoping to correct the weaknesses of the Movement by adding another man to our staff as soon as he may be found, by securing the necessary budget, and by adding also a Stabilization Reserve Fund. Such a fund is vital to the continued and effective operation of the Movement. It is needed to carry the work through periods of financial depression, for the Movement cannot expect individuals to bear such a strain as did a few in the early 30's and at another period in the life of the Movement. This fund is needed also to help the Committee through the lean months of each year. It will enable the Movement to offer some degree of social security, which is not now available to our staff as it is furnished with the cooperation of the United States government to employees in other offices. Further, it will aid the Committee in securing the men so imperatively needed on its staff and who are not now readily persuaded to assume the risks involved in casting their lot with the Laymen's Missionary Movement, when the Y.M.C.A., local churches, missionary boards and other agencies call them into their service and provide a security which we cannot offer. Precisely, and without going into further

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detail, the proposed fund will effect that stabilization for the work which its designation implies.

With all of this in mind, we would be greatly encouraged if you should be led to help us in two directions.

First, prepare a statement which would emphasize the need for this work as envisioned by you; and secondly, provide us with a list of names of those who you think might be glad to share in financing our work, such a list to receive appeals which we would be glad to type for your signature, and where you might hesitate to do so, permit us to make our own appeal, with the proposed statement from your pen as the enclosure.

We do not want this request to prove a burden to you, and therefore we would urge you to respond at your convenience and without haste.

Thanking you again for last night's message and for this morning's fellowship,

Ever sincerely yours,



F. J. Michel,
Secretary

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May 15, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Ever so many thanks for your kind letter of
May 11.

I appreciate your gracious word concerning my
service to the Movement, more than I can express.

The statement is being returned to you so that
you may rewrite the word which is encircled and which
we failed to get.

Please return your letter, for I shall pass it
on to my children, who will surely cherish it although
I should not want to publish it beyond that intimate
circle.

The typed copy has been amended in the hope that
it will meet with your approval so far as we have gone.
It will be necessary however that you revise the last
two or three lines so that they may convey the thought
which you have in mind.

With deep appreciation,

Cordially yours,

Fred

F. J. Michel,
Secretary

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Robert E. Speer

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Off. Brew. A. Visser & Middelburg
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Dear Sam

Can you translate this for your son
Alfred James, R.R.D.

Alblasserdam 23-5-46

enclosed
is free translation
summary.
A.V.

Geachte Mijheer

Robert E. Spier.

Naas aanleiding van hetgeen ons ter oren kwam, neem ik de vrijmoedigheid om u te schrijven uw adres lag in in "de Open Doer" Evangeliesatie blad in België u weet wellicht dat de nood groot is in het land speciaal wat kleding betreft. Nu hoorden wij dat er in Amerika mensen zijn die adressen willen hebben van Hollandse gezinnen. Omse van wat sleuren te voorzien. Moest dat waar zijn, en mocht u zoo iemand kennen, zou u mijn adres dan door willen geven? Hier volgen enkele gegevens ons gezin betrefende. Het bestaat uit 4 personen. Vader die nu 65 jarige leeftijd niet meer werkt. Achternachter van 26 jaar die regens ziekte van my tydelijk in zijn is. Zijn man oud 32 jaar, van Cheroy, Machine bankwerker, en ondergetekende oud 25 jaar. Op 10 jaar bij ruythoudende Evangelie a.s. komst van de baby van geloof Gere. Vey gemaakt naar art 31 D.K.O. We zijn 1.65 + 1.60 met 45 cm. lang. Slink van postuur. Maarst een jaas geleden zijn we totaal gedupeerd door de Duitse om betrapte met illegaal werk. Toen zijn we aan gekleed met de in beslag genomen goederen des D.K.O. en maar door die zaken respectievelijk weer worden terug laten moeten we alles weer afstaan. Zoo doende staan we weer naakt. In hiërarchie weet u wel dat de toestand ook wat de kleding betreft

nog verre van rooskleurig is in Holland.
Wocht u dus iets voor ons kunnen doen dan houden
we ons ten zeerste aanbevolen.

Indien mogelijk zullen we u gaarne vergoeden.

Met vriendelijke groeten en beste wensen
Heiken ik

M. van H. van der Meulen

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M. C. MIGEL
654 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Jan. 3rd, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have been sending greetings for the New Year to my friends for so many, many years, that as I stop to ponder on the swift passing of time, and how I am getting on in years, I am reminded that

"Youth is not a Time of Life,

It is a State of Mind.

It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it is a temper of the Will, a quality of the imagination; it is a freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity; -- of the appetite of adventure over the love of ease. This often exists in a man of seventy more than in a boy of twenty.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

Whether seventy or seventeen, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing child-like appetite for "what next?" and the joy in the game of life.

YOU are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of your heart there is a wireless station; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage, grandeur and power -- from the earth, from men, and from the Infinite -- so long are you young.

When the wires are all down, and the central place of your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then you are grown old, indeed, and may God have mercy on your soul."

May your wires never be down -- either this coming year or many, many more, -- is the earnest wish of

Your sincere,

Dr. Robert E. Speer
24 Gramercy Park
New York, N. Y.

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January 2nd

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Dear Dr. Speer:

This is to tell you that I keep the thought of you warmly in my heart and wish you everything fine and wonderful --

But today, when our dearly beloved ones are undergoing such frightful tribulation, I hardly dare use the word "happy" as applied to the New Year; still, within us all, which includes you, shines a tiny star called "Hope," (without which we might as well be lifeless).

May this star, brightly shining, lead us ere long to an early Peace and brighter skies -- happy, and happier days for you and yours, and all the world, is the wish of

Your sincere,

M. C. Migel

Dr. Robert E. Speer
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Lakeville, Conn.

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Dear Doctor Speer:

Optimism being the springwell of happiness, what better season of the year than this for us -- for all the world -- to regard the future with a fresh outlook, with a new and friendlier spirit than ever before --

And, with the determination to make that "Little Corner," which is Our Own Private World, an Elysium for ourselves, for our loved ones, and for all those with whom we may come in contact.

The sun will pierce the blackest cloud that ever darkened the earth.

And so, this missive is to greet you with profound esteem, and with the hope that for you, now and forever, the day may break and the shadows disappear.

As ever,

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

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M. C. MIGEL
654 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

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Dear Dr. Speer:

Year after year, for many years, I have at this time conveyed greetings to those I care for -- you being one of them.

Although I vary the expressions, they always represent the same feeling -- a heartfelt regard and affectionate esteem, which, however, words (empty at best) fail to convey adequately.

The world is striving for Peace, Contentment, and particularly Happiness. I hope and pray that they may all be yours -- no trials, no sorrow, no darkness.

After all, Happiness is but a state of mind within us, and up to each one of us. We ourselves have to do our little share to produce it and hold it.

An active mind can keep us from rusting out.

Someone once said of a famous fossil that "he had nothing to do but sit around, listening to his heart murmur" -- I know you will never get that way.

May all that your heart desires be fulfilled this coming year, and many more, is the wish of

Your sincere,

M. C. Migel

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Elvaston Ills, Aug 3rd Miller, J. Albert & Mary 44.

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Box 114

My dear Robert

Your good letter, & others were read at the Golden Wedding held at Portus home in Fairfield Ia. The boys did all the planning for that affair. At first they planned to have a part of the celebration in the Church in this village, where we were married. They wanted a gathering of relatives in our home here, then open house for the Community - Minnie was unwilling for somech ado. She said No "Show off" - She further said she felt unequal to so much hand shaking - & Congratulations

Finally to save her from responsibility and fatigue. they held the meetings at Portus. It was strictly a family affair - & we enjoyed it very much. The only fly in the ointment, was Portus illness, he was a very sick man. Infection - or blood poison.

Portus family physician was away - So Ralph had to care for him

The day we separated, Porter was taken to the Hospital. The Dr there said Ralph had saved his life.

Ralph, a Commander in the Navy at Cherry Point N.C. Hospital. Flew out & back - Pauls family & Betty. Came by train -
④ Jims family came by train from Memphis, Tenn.

At dinner on the 26th I told the family - something in connection with the wedding - they had never heard before -

The Board, perhaps thru your influence gave me four months leave from the field to come home at my expense & get married - ~~giving~~ continuing my field salary for that time, about \$240.- As soon as we were married, Minnie & I talked it over - and we turned back that amount to the Board \$240 - I said to them - that does not sound like a missionary grasping for money does it -

Affectionately
J. Albert Miller -
Mary ^{and}

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Miller, J. Albert

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My dear Robert.

Thank you for your recent letter -
I am sending you herein a newspaper clipping
re our Golden Wedding Celebration. I had not
read it until this morning. Jim wrote it
and I think it must be entirely right -
I found a mistake in it. It says that Porter
got his M. A. from the U. of Iowa.

He got his M. A. at Waterloo, His Ph. D. Bio -
Chemistry at Univ. of Iowa -

We send to the bookstore for a copy of
your "Five minutes a day." We are almost thru
it. We read two pages of it at family prayers
every evening and like it very much -

I said to Minnie - we had better begin
over again, One does not get the full mean-
ing of some of the poems at one reading -

They deserve more thought and time. Now
you can give them in two five minutes
a day.

You ask about our conveniences -
We had a large house, with indoor toilet and

And two bath rooms. - It was too much
work for Missie. So we sold it. We are
looking for a small house. But small
houses in this our native village - are gen-
erally not equipped with bath rooms -
- we have not yet found anything here
- We have that of going elsewhere, where we
could have the fellowship of missionary
friends. - But that would remove us too far
from our children, we can't very well
follow any one of the boys.

We have many old friends here - & I
have a number of relatives. Two sisters
a brother-in-law - many nephews + nieces -
Living here is cheaper, than most places -
but fewer conveniences -

My greatest handicap - is my poor
eyesight. I can't see ^{much} with my left eye.
My right eye too is gradually losing out
Cataracts in both eyes.

I have in mild form almost every
disease of old age. My heart trouble
which was so bad for several years, is
much better. I have slight diabetes -

Stomach ulcers - a little prostate trouble. Skin
Cancer - etc. - But in the main I am OK.

Very Cordially yours J. Albert Miller

Miller, William
March 13, 1944

My dear E. Spear,

The inclosed letters were sent to you nearly a year ago, addressed to "Lakewood, Conn". It should have been "Lakeville" - so I ask you, and the postal employees to whom I gave unnecessary trouble, to forgive my mistake!

I received your kind letter of Sept 27, and Isabelle forwarded to me the letter you & Mrs. Spear had written her in December. I was glad to hear about the different members of your family, and pray that God will keep them all. I am sure you miss dear George Swiny, who loved you so much, and who was so happy to work with you. It will seem very strange not to see him when I next go to America. In the last letter he wrote me he added this postscript in ink: "How I wish we could have a good laugh together before we go home. But there

on the other shore it will be all joy".
and no doubt that joy is his today.

We are holding four series of
evangelistic meetings this year in
Tehran. A week of Armenian meet-
ings is now finished, and in two
weeks a week of meetings in
English will be conducted by
Chaplain Green, a fine Baptist min-
ister from Tenn who is here. In
April we hope Mr. Allen will
lead in a week of Persian meetings,
and Robi Stefan in a week
of Syriac meetings. So we hope
many people may be saved.

Just now mission meetings
is deciding many difficult prob-
lems. How sad it is to see
our hospital work being closed
down for lack of doctors!

Possibly I may be sent on
furlough before long - and if so
I hope I may see you often!

with loving greetings to Mrs. Egan & the family affectionately William

Meshed, Iran,
May 30, 1943

Dear Dr. Speer,

I received a few weeks ago your good letter of Sept. 24, 1942. It may be many more months before you receive my reply, but I will send it on its way, never the less, hoping it will reach you in time to convey my Christmas greetings to you and Mrs. Speer.

How I wish you could see Meshed station now! It looks very different from the way it looked in 1922 when we took you out to look at its little fields which later became our compound. The flowers this year are marvelous, and I think there is no station in Iran so beautiful as this. The spirit of the station is also very lovely, and it has been a joy to spend a couple of weeks here again.

I came here for evangelistic meetings during Holy Week, during which a real blessing came to the church, and about 20 people professed faith. Then I went to Zahedan, and held meetings & sold books there, and on the return journey worked in Birjand, Qain, Shirabad & Turbat, the towns which I had ^{just} visited when I met you in Meshed in 1922. Now a broad highway goes from Meshed to Zahedan, and perhaps 200 trucks a day rush over these deserts, carrying supplies to the North.

In Zahedan I had a very encouraging experience. I met a Baluchi chief who lives in Seistan, and has a great deal of influence among the border tribes. When the Persian government was warring

with the Baluchis some years ago
he was able to bring about peace.
I was told he was a Christian,
and openly professed his faith,
and urged the other Baluchi
chiefs to read the Bible. So I
was delighted to have a visit
with him, and he was extremely
gracious and kind to me.
When I asked him when he became
a Christian he said he had been
baptized by the English missionaries
of the B. C. M. S. in Seistan some
15 years ago, but he had been
a Christian some years before
that, and had been converted
not by talking with anyone but
by reading the Bible by himself.
"From whom did you get a Bible?"
I asked. "From you," he replied,

"but you had a beard then!" How surprised I was, for I did not remember him at all! But he says that during that summer of 1921 when we were in Seistan, when people seemed so unresponsive, and I used to feel so discouraged, he came to me and bought a Bible, and was brought to Christ. When I met you in Meshed a few months later I told you how I used to sit on the ground in the streets of Seistan, and read to the poor children - but I didn't tell you that a young Baluchi had bought a Bible which would change his life!! And so God works in ways we know not.

With loving greetings for you & Mrs. Spier,
Meshed station sends you son in the faith.
Your loving greetings
William Miller

American Mission,
Meshed, Iran,
May 31, 1943.

Dear Dr. Speer :

I am not a Scotchman, but Mr. Miller's offer to me to include a sheet in his letter to you, is too good an opportunity to miss ! Mr. Miller is here on somewhat enforced delay thru the days of this week while awaiting pass and transportation for points further west on his return to Teheran. God marvellously opened the way for his coming on this present journey, and certainly it was a journey of great blessing to us all here in Meshed. After a week of very fine pre-Easter services Mr. Miller went to Zahidan together with Omedvar, our B. & F. Bible Society colporteur in Meshed. Then he returned here and has now been with us about eight days. I think God has seen to it that he got a good rest here before going on to Teheran, and Mrs. Hoffman and other of the women of the Station have seen to it that he was filled up with new peas, strawberries and some good wholesome food.

Bill, as we all call him, is a wonderful man of God in the true and full sense of that expression. I have never met a man so dominated by the Spirit and so untiringly at work giving the gospel and buying up all opportunities to speak to all men on all occasions and at every turn. People thruout this land, from end to end, and of all classes from daroshkie drivers to chauffeurs and himmals (burden-bearers) know him and love him and greet him and come to see him. So you may know what a great blessing and inspiration is his coming into our midst !

I am off with Dr. Joe Cochran to-morrow morning early for a month in the outfield itinerating. We are loading all our stuff, tent, cots and a minimum of belongings onto two donkeys, and then we are planning to trek from place to place like two dervishes, staying as long in a place as we feel led to stay. Come along with us !

The Church Session have now come along for a meeting of prayer to send us along, or as you may remember, in Persian words, " to throw us on the road ", so I will not be able to write more.

I trust you and Mrs. Speer are well and enjoying to the full your present work and activities. I presume you will be up on your farm this summer.

Mrs. Irwin and the children, Mary and Beth, are at home in U.S.A. with Mrs. Irwin's mother at present. We lost the baby boy who came into the world March 26. Within God's own will and way, for some reason unknown to the officiating doctors, he had ceased to breathe some hours before the birth pains started. So our only son joins the great company of the many many ^{these days} who are passing on into the City of God, but without tasting the pain and sorrows of this sad and sinful world. We grieve, but do still praise His Holy name .

Sincerely,

J. Mark Irwin

(Miller) Williams 326 W. Allen Lane
Mt. Airy, Phila. 14

Sept. 2, 1944

Dear Dr. Sizer,
Thank you so much for
your welcome note! I found
my mother fairly well, and
Isabelle and the children very
well. They so much enjoyed
their visit with you some
time ago. William graduated
from Choate School, and is
now in V-12 (naval training)
in Univ. of Pa, so we can
see him each week. It is
wonderful to be together again!
Mr. Fisher had lunch with
us today, and we are so
glad they and the others also
arrived safely.

I would love to see you,

and I hope we will meet soon.

Give my loving greetings to
Mrs. Spear. I wonder where your
children are now? Isabelle
sends her love.

Ever affectionately

William

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Tahry,

Miller, William
Nov. 4, 1946.

Dear Dr. Speer,

I came here a month ago for a vacation, and before returning to Tehran I want to send you a word of loving greeting. I had a letter from Elgin Groseclose written last summer after he had heard you speak in a conference for ministers at Princeton, and was delighted to learn from him that you were quite well and able to speak God's word as you had done for so many years. When I saw you two years ago in the hospital in N.Y. I wondered if that operation would put a stop to your active life, but thank God, it did not! May God give you strength for many more years of service on earth, before you begin your eternal service in Heaven! How much you have meant to me, and to all of us in Iran, from the first until now and how I thank God for your influence and your prayers for us! We have missed you sorely in recent years, since you ceased corresponding with us.

These have been very hard years, for the
mission you so much loved has been
cut down to the bone, and we have
hardly been able to hold our own
against the forces of destruction. We are
thankful for a first group of new evan-
gelists, but we need more of them, as
well as doctors & nurses. We might
recognize Oriniah today if we had
the doctors! The situation in this pro-
vince is not good, but now is the time
to give our witness fearlessly.

As I write a band is playing to stir
up the enthusiasm of school boys for the pre-
sent regime. Many of them are for it - but
most people, if they could speak freely, are not.

With loving greetings to Mrs. Speer, and
any of your children who may be at home,
I am,

Ever affectionately yours,

William Miller

PAUL L. MILLER
581 BROADWAY
PATERSON, N. J.

July 10, 1944.

Dr. & Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge, Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Friends:-

Mother and Father are celebrating their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on July 26th. Due to conditions, it will be impossible to hold any celebration but we don't want the occasion to go unnoticed. In place of the usual reception we're asking relatives and friends if they will please send the folks a message on this day.

Please send the greeting to:-

Rev. & Mrs. J. Albert Miller,
Parsons College,
Fairfield, Iowa.

We boys are planning to get there with our families to be with Mother and Father for the day.

Sincerely,

Paul
Paul.

Milliken, Carl E.

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Dear Dr. Speer:

I enjoyed talking with Dr. McGeachy and hope the interview may prove of some value to him in connection with his plans. I have also made arrangements for him to see Mr. Hays.

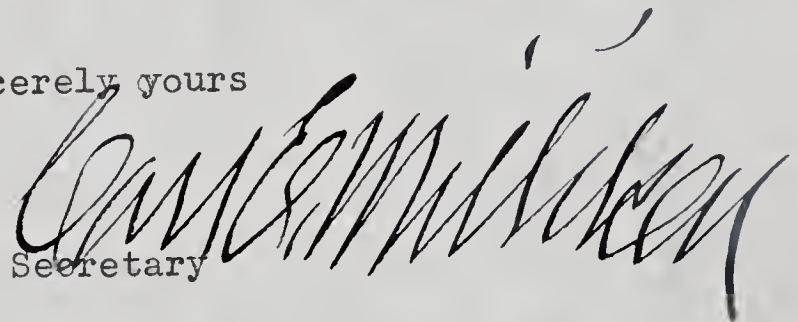
Your note gave me a genuine thrill. You have been a helpful and inspiring influence in my life ever since the Student Conference in Northfield in 1895.

I was much concerned at the news that came to me after the event, regarding your severe illness, and am happy to have the reassuring word from Dr. McGeachy that you are recovered in health and able to enjoy the beautiful surroundings at Lakeville.

With cordial personal regards to Mrs. Speer and yourself, I am

Sincerely yours

Secretary



Millikin, Louise H.
Aveill, Vermont

Dear Mr. Spear -

Your letter brought
help in the days when
the need was great.
I thank you for it.
Carter's love for
and dedication to
the cause of Foreign
Missions was great
and the years of ser-
vice of the Board
brought rich reward
in the associations
and friendships

made there. I am so
thankful that he was
privileged to carry through
to the end of his life
here and I believe God
has more for him to
do in His Kingdom.

Your influence in his
work was most helpful.

With gratitude for
your thought, I am

Sincerely yours

Rouise H. Millikin

September fourteenth.

Milne, George H.

Tarrytown, New York
September 22, 1945

Dear Dr. Speer:

Your pleasant note is received - and with appreciation. I had an accident, apparently injuring one of my ribs, and my good friend got me in the hospital at Tarrytown - a nice enough place to be but not for a Lakeville man who is thinking of his roses and fall garden and the lawn and all that sort of thing.

Meanwhile you are the same vigorous individual I have known for so many years and I congratulate you on your health strength and ability to do things. I am your contrast in most things, I fancy, but I am doing the best I can to get well and get out.

Remember me warmly to Mrs. Speer, and to your family in England. I think so often of Barbour and the cocky way he wears his cap which is something quite out of the ordinary.

With affectionate regard,

Your friend sincerely,

George H. Milne
(per H. R. H.)

(Dictated by Mr. Milne at the Tarrytown Hospital)

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July 30, 1946.

Mr. Robert Elliott Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Speer:

This will acknowledge, with thanks, your
contribution of \$5.00 towards the Princeton University
Fund.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Clarence B. Mitchell

*Hope you keep well and busy. I expect
to die in harness, and don't want to
live too long in a world that to my
mind is in a bad way - at least so
far as Anglo Sax on civilization is
concerned*

Mitchell, Mary C.

Yr
Wednesday Afternoon

n.d.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Spear;

Kollie Jo and I have
been trying ever since
Stanley's memorial service
to think of some little
gift for you which might
tangibly express our deep
gratitude for the continu-
ing help you have been
to us. Although the
service was many months
ago the thought of

its beauty and meaning
has and does sustain
us. You both had a
large part in helping
us to achieve the dignity
and beauty with which
we honored his beauti-
ful spirit. We have
not been able, even
with the help of Frances
and Tom - to think
of the right gift for
you. So we hope you
will use the enclosure

for something which will
always remind you
of our affectionate af-
fection

Mary C. Meehan

Lakeville, Connecticut

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J. V. MOLDENHAWER
PAUL D. MOODY

September 26th, 1946.

Dear Dr. Speer:

We were sorry to miss you on our call the day we lunched at the Coffins, but I look forward to the chance of seeing you sometime soon.

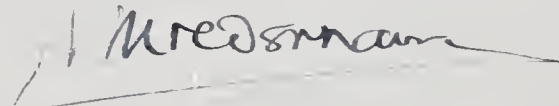
We are very grateful to you for the service you rendered here this summer. How fine it is that the church is not adopting some of the foolish rulings about which I hear in the plans of certain institutions of learning. One of these at least has decided that no man shall be their chapel preacher who has passed his seventieth birthday!

I am delighted to hear that you have been reading "The Voice of Books." Since you and Henry Coffin both like it, that ought to be enough to satisfy any man. And it does please me a lot to think of you reading the Lincoln Address aloud to Mrs. Speer.

With respect to the Restoration Fund, all gifts through the First Church should be sent to the office here so that we can keep track. The check should be made payable to D. Allan Locke.

With affectionate greetings from us all,

Ever yours,



Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

JVM:as

Moore, Mrs Maurice T.



NEW YORK CITY COMMITTEE

For the Celebration of

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35th Anniversary of the Founding of the Chinese Republic

October 10th, 1946

453 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

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Program Chairman
MRS. MAURICE T. MOORE

September 27, 1946

Dear Doctor and Mrs. Speer:

The "double tenth" - October tenth - is China's Fourth of July, and this year marks the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Republic. This particular year it is important that Americans register their interest in and their understanding of China's Republic. To that end celebrations are being organized all over the country, on Thursday, October tenth.

In New York City we are arranging an evening meeting at the Hotel Roosevelt and shall be honored by the presence of his Excellency Ambassador Wellington Koo, - who will speak to the occasion. This will be his first public appearance in New York for a "double tenth" celebration.

Lt. Gen. Albert Coady Wedemeyer, a soldier diplomat whose frank and friendly policy accomplished miracles in China, has consented to participate in our program.

Soo Yong distinguished Chinese Monologist, will also have a part in the program, and a Chinese Quartet under the direction of Mr. Lee Pao Ch'en is to sing both the Chinese and American Anthems.

We shall be very much pleased if you can join us at 8:15 at the Roosevelt, and shall be glad to send you complimentary tickets if you will indicate your acceptance on the enclosed card.

Inasmuch as the capacity of the Ballroom is limited, we suggest that you make your reservations as soon as possible.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. Maurice T. Moore
Mrs. Maurice T. Moore

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DU BOIS S. MORRIS
515 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

April 19th 1947.

Dear Robert,

Alice and I wish to thank you for sending us "The Fellowship of the Spirit". This emphasis is surely needed more than ever, and is the foundation of the unity, which we are praying for, to heal the wounds of war, and bring the peace, for which so many lives have been given. The war of arms is over, but the war of ideas is still to be fought. Because of your deep concern for the evangelization of the world I know you will be interested in the Brunner statement and Blanton Bell sermon. I am also taking the liberty of sending you Du Bois' speech at the dinner in Princeton when the Church presented Mrs. Ginn to the Reminiscence

With warm regards to you and Mrs. Spier, as
which Alice joins,

Gratefully yours,

Du Bois

Prof. Dr. Emil Brunner

(For private use)

Zurich 7

Hirslandenstrasse 47

24th March, 1947

STATEMENT ABOUT M.R.A.

As a minister of the Church of Christ and a christian theologian who's main concern has been for many years the evangelization of the non-christian world, I feel it my duty to testify that M.R.A. also called the Oxford Group, is one of the most effective movements of evangelization of our time. It is so not 'although' but because its approach to the modern pagan is quite different from the customary methods of evangelization as they have been developed by most of the christian church bodies. Its method is not preaching nor any kind of public worship, but life changing starting from the concrete problems of present day life. Its aim, however, is none other than that of the Church: to lead men and women to Christ and to train them in a life of prayer and of daily obedience to the will of God. By having stepped out of all traditional ways of mission the M.R.A. peoples have been capable of doing effectively what most of the churches have been postulating without the same measure of practical success. I look to the M.R.A. as one of the most hopeful movements of evangelization of the present day.

(Signed) PROF. E. BRUNNER, D.D.

MESSAGE FROM DR. ARTHUR J. BROWN

Dr. Arthur Judson Brown, Secretary Emeritus of the Board, who served for thirty-four years, was called upon at the dinner extemporaneously. At the request of the Editor of the Bulletin, Dr. Brown has kindly sent on this summary of his tribute to the Clerical Staff:

"The first time I faced an audience, I was a boy of six years. I was required to speak a piece in school. The opening lines of that piece are as appropriate this evening as they were 84 years ago:

"You would scarce expect one of my age

To speak in public on the stage."

"Since your chairman has called on me, I can at least tell you that your kind welcome has warmed the cockles of my antiquated heart, and that I am happy to join in the fellowship of this fine company of Christian workers.

"The duties of the Secretaries of the Board necessarily bring them before the public; but I always felt, and I know that they and the Board today feel that the members of the Clerical Staff are integral and indispensable in the organization. I was told that during my secretaryship, my office had a high reputation for promptness and efficiency. If so, I knew what a large part of the credit was due to my private secretary, Adah Kilmer, and her associate who kept things in order, never let me forget engagements and didn't hesitate to tell me when they thought that I was wrong. So you are not merely members of a clerical staff as in an ordinary business concern. You are fellow workers in the greatest enterprise in the world -- the giving of the Gospel of Christ to unevangelized peoples and teaching them its application to the needs and problems of humanity.

"Surely there is no greater privilege, no greater dignity that a Christian can have than some part, however unnoticed by the world, in this splendid work.

"I thank you with all my heart for your kind remembrance of a former associate. My heart has been moved by many appreciative messages. I felt particularly honored when I learned that, in a theological seminary in which the students were asked to

name and identify ten eminent missionary leaders, one student had included my name as follows: "Arthur Judson Brown, one of the missionaries to India in 1816. Returned because he became convinced of the need of baptism." Such is fame for a Secretary!

156 Fifth Ave - Morris, Emma

19th Nov. 1945

The Lord watch between me and thee, when we
are absent one from another. Gen. 31:49

Dear Dr. Speer:

The enclosed letter from Charles Mattison would explain itself, but perhaps I could put it in fewer words.

In short - in Mr. Mattison's college days in the 1890's a game brought him in contact with Brigadier General Charles Bird - Quartermaster General of the U.S.A. War Dept.

When Mattison went to India in 1901 Gen. Bird invited him to his home where Mattison learned about Gen. Bird's son Charles a senior in Luyster Univ. Gen. Bird at that time said some things about his Charlie which have remained vivid to Mr. M. all that time. During the last two weeks before September 20 (the date of his letter) he has felt an urge to write of that interview to the son.

Mr. M. (writing privately about the "Newsgaz" the news sheet about India missions) of which I hope you have received the copy sheet you) has asked my help in locating the son - so much for Mr. M.'s letter

Can you give me any
suggestion as to how to go
about locating the son.

I hope to be at the meeting
this afternoon at which
you are to take part and
shall be grateful if you
can give me any help.

Yours sincerely

Emma Morris

If we do not meet save
you answer by note to
413 W. 46th St. New York 19
ref.

or in a yes or no at the
desk in the reception room.

Morris, Emma

413 W. 46th St.

New York. 19. N.Y.

Dr 24th Nov. 1945

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Thank you so
much for your
prompt and sym-
pathetic reply to
my note. One of
the possibilities of
the "Newspaper" is
to help old friends

friends will be cheered
by your remembering
them.

I love to close my letters
with the favorite verse
of the Business Women's
Council of the Friendly
League for Christian Service
Num. 6:24-26

Yours-cordially
Emma Morris

get into touch with
each other, and
makes the little
publication more
worth while.

If some day you
feel led to send
me a message
for my 200-300
readers. I'll be
most happy to in-
clude it, and I
know your many

I watch for your name
in the Church news and
am always happy when
I have opportunity to hear
you.

The last item in each
programme of the "League for
Christian Service" is the
singing of Num 6:24-26 and
I like to make that the last
word in my letters.

Yours in the blessed fellowship
of our Lord and Master.

Num 6:24-26 Emma Morris

413 W. 46th St. New York. 19.

18th April. 1946

Dear Dr. Speer: weeks

and indeed, months
have passed since I
received your message
for the Newsgay in
answer to my request.

Thank you very much
for it, and for the cordial

message of the card of greeting with its picture of such a comfortable, homelike house. Its a great contrast to the stiff-cold exteriors of even the old "brown stone fronts" of city houses.

The most impressive sight in New York today is the ever-present evidence of renovations! If one could only be sure that it went deeper than mere brick and mortar.

I am enclosing a leaflet which gives a bit of the encouraging side of life today. You may have seen it. It thrills me each time I glance through it. It shows what faithful witness and loyalty to Christ may mean.

Morris, Jarvis S.

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November 15, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

If we keep bothering you in your retirement it is your own fault for being so interesting a speaker and writer.

You probably know that the old Presbyterian has reorganized under a new staff and is trying to get started into a big field of service. We wish to reach both beyond the denomination and beyond the nation.

Although we have no money to offer we should like to offer you a life subscription in return for preparing for us an article out of your rich experiences. I can imagine a very interesting article with the title "Forty years with the Foreign Board" or something of that sort. What would be still better would be a series of four, five or six articles, full of human interest material and spiritual insights. These should be less than 2,000 words each and could be run in consecutive weeks. Would you find it possible to do this for us?

Although we cannot give you a very wide circulation (we now print about 11,000 copies of our paper) we can give you a wider circulation than any weekly paper in our denomination.

With warmest personal regards.

Yours sincerely

Jarvis S. Morris
Jarvis S. Morris
Editor

JM:VS

*per
E. G. C.*

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(Morrow) Betty
March 3rd - 47.

NEXT DAY HILL
ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Dear Rob, -

It is a great disappointment
to me to miss seeing you
tomorrow and leaving you.

I am leaving tonight for a
month's rest in Mexico, -
in Cuernavaca where I still
own the little house that Dwight
and I made over together.
We tried to give it to the
American Embassy but it

was returned to me some
years ago. It is a place
of very happy memories.

Everyone will welcome you
tomorrow night - We still

feel that you belong especially
to Englewood.

Affectionately yours,

Betty.

Mott, John R.

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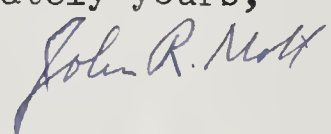
156 FIFTH AVENUE
 NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

June 22, 1946.

Dear Robert:

Do forgive me for the long gap which has elapsed since I received your gracious birthday letter, while in the Canadian woods. Believe me when I say it deeply touched me. I have an ever-deepening sense of gratitude to God for what our friendship has meant across the many years. Never did it mean as much as it has in the recent fateful period. I thank God on every remembrance of you. In my judgment your testimony has never been more needed and, in the light of all I hear, more effective.

Affectionately yours,



Dr. Robert E. Speer
 "Rockledge"
 Lakeville, Connecticut

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(Mott) John R.

528 EAST WASHINGTON STREET

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Thanksgiving Day '46 (also our
wedding anniversary)

My dear Robert,
Among the many messages about the
Nobel Peace Award which have been falling in more than touched
me more deeply than gone on. The esteem of Mr. Egan and
yourself is indeed a great encouragement. What do I owe you to
your loyal friendship, always in guidance and unfailing collaboration
across the many years!

Affectionately yours
John

Motter, Wm. Arthur

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WILLIAM ARTHUR MOTTER, MINISTER

July 19, 1944

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Dr. Robert E. Spear,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Spear:

Mrs. Earl C. Pearman, whose name is being considered for a position on our church staff, has given your name as a reference. We would greatly appreciate any information you might be able to give by return mail if possible.

Most sincerely,

William Arthur Motter

m/t

Murdoch, Mary Cole

613 CATHEDRAL STREET
BALTIMORE 1, MARYLAND

Nov. 16, —

Dear Dr. Speer -

My sisters & I want
to tell you what a very great
joy it has been to us to
see you and hear you preach
each evening this week -

During the years of our life

have been faithful and are carry-
ing on in their professions -

We thank you for your message,
and because by what you say
and are, you make it easier
for us to know Jesus.

Very sincerely,

Mary Cole Muedoch

November 16

in China, and even before we
went out to that faraway land,
we have known that we had
your understanding sympathy.

The word that has come to us
from China in these recent
years has come through
letters written us by our
"Christian Temple Girls". They

Murray, J. Lovell

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May 13th, 1947.

Dear Robert,

The "complimentary dinner" about which Harry Priest wrote you took place last Tuesday evening. Thanks to the committee in charge it was beautifully staged and largely attended. I need not tell you that the kindness and love that were then shown to Mrs. Murray and me by word and deed were very heart-warming. Doubtless you have had more than one similar experience.

But I think it was the hearing of messages from some at a distance with whom I have had comradeship and collaboration in days long past as well as in recent years that moved me most deeply. I rejoiced to hear the words of appreciation and true friendship which came from you. Mrs. Murray and I have just been reading them again and we thank you warmly both for the sentiments and for the trouble you took in writing them down and passing them on to us.

Cordially yours,



J. Lovell Murray.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.